

Use of National Statuary Hall: Assignment and Historic Events

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Summary

Statuary Hall has been used as the setting for a variety of events, including memorial ceremonies and receptions for new Members of Congress, award presentations, and as media space after presidential addresses. This report identifies and categorizes uses of Statuary Hall since 2005.

Use of Statuary Hall is at the discretion of the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Under House Rule I, clause 3, the Speaker has the authority to assign unappropriated rooms on the House side of the Capitol, including Statuary Hall. Events in Statuary Hall can also be authorized by House resolution, but no events since 2005 have been held in Statuary Hall on such authority.

Since 2005, Statuary Hall has hosted 183 events. These events can be divided into four categories: (1) receptions and dinners, (2) ceremonies, (3) media events, and (4) memorial services. The report provides a brief explanation of each category and examples of activities in each category.

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Introduction

Between 1819 and 1857, the room currently called Statuary Hall served as the Hall of the House of Representatives.¹ Upon the completion of the current House chamber in 1857, the House debated the fate of the old “Hall of the House” for many years.

Perhaps the simplest was that it be converted into additional space for the Library of Congress, which was still housed in the Capitol. More drastic was the suggestion that the entire Hall be dismantled and replaced by two floors of committee rooms. Eventually, the idea of using the chamber as an art gallery was approved, and works intended for the Capitol extensions were put on exhibit; among these was the plaster model for the Statue of Freedom, which was later cast in bronze for the Capitol dome. The lack of wall space effectively prevented the hanging of large paintings, but the room seemed well suited to the display of statuary.²

The first two events held in Statuary Hall were a reception and dinner for the Society of the Army of the Cumberland on November 20, 1879,³ and a ceremony to close the Centennial Safe on November 22, 1879.⁴

Today, Statuary Hall is the home to many of the statues in the National Statuary Hall collection, which consists of two statues from each state.⁵

Scheduling Statuary Hall Events

A room in the House Wing of the Capitol may be reserved in one of two ways: through a chamber resolution or pursuant to the Speaker’s authority. House Rule I, clause 3 provides the Speaker with the authority to assign unappropriated rooms (i.e., not already assigned to a committee, House leadership, or an officer of the House). House Rule I, clause 3 states

Except as otherwise provided by rule or law, the Speaker shall have general control of the Hall of the House, the corridors and passages in the part of the Capitol assigned to the use of the House, and the disposal of unappropriated rooms in that part of the Capitol.⁶

¹ U.S. Congress, Architect of the Capitol, “National Statuary Hall,” <https://www.aoc.gov/explore-capitol-campus/buildings-grounds/capitol-building/house-wing/statuary-hall>.

² U.S. Congress, Architect of the Capitol, “National Statuary Hall,” <https://www.aoc.gov/explore-capitol-campus/buildings-grounds/capitol-building/house-wing/statuary-hall>.

³ Anson G. McCook, *Address Before the Society of the Army of the Cumberland at their Eleventh Reunion, Washington, November 19, 1879* (Cincinnati: Press of Robert Clarke & Co, 1879).

⁴ U.S. Congress, Office of the House Historian, “The Mysterious Centennial Safe of Mrs. Charles F. Deihm,” *Historical Highlights*, <https://history.house.gov/Historical-Highlights/1851-1900/The-mysterious-Centennial-safe-of-Mrs-Charles-F-Deihm/#:~:text=On%20this%20date%2C%20Mrs.,country's%20centennial%20celebration%20in%201876>.

⁵ U.S. Congress, Architect of the Capitol, “About the National Statuary Hall Collection,” <https://www.aoc.gov/explore-capitol-campus/art/about-national-statuary-hall-collection>. For a list of statues in the National Statuary Hall Collection, see U.S. Congress, Architect of the Capitol, “The Art Collection,” <https://www.aoc.gov/explore-capitol-campus/art?search&artist=All&collection%5B119%5D=119&state=All&location=All>. National Statuary Hall Collection statues are currently housed in National Statuary Hall and in various halls of the Capitol, including the Capitol Crypt, the Hall of Columns, the Rotunda, the first and second floor of the Senate Wing of the Capitol, and the second floor House connecting corridor. Additionally, statues are also housed in the Capitol Visitor Center. See also, CRS Report R42812, *National Statuary Hall Collection: Background and Legislative Options*, by Jacob R. Straus and R. Eric Petersen.

⁶ House Rule I, clause 3. U.S. Congress, *Constitution, Jefferson’s Manual, and Rules of the House of Representatives, One Hundred Sixteenth Congress, 115th Cong., 2nd sess.*, H.Doc. 115-177 (Washington: GPO, 2019), §623, at

For rooms jointly controlled by the House and Senate (e.g., the Rotunda and Emancipation Hall of the Capitol Visitors Center), a concurrent resolution is generally required to authorize use.⁷

Initially adopted in 1811 to provide the Speaker with approval authority over events in the House chamber,⁸ clause 3 was last amended in 1911, to provide the Speaker with control over unappropriated rooms elsewhere in the House Wing of the Capitol.⁹ Since 1911, the Speaker has generally authorized use of rooms in the House Wing of the Capitol not otherwise appropriated.¹⁰

Events in Statuary Hall, 2005-2020

Since 2005, 183 events have been held in Statuary Hall. The House Sergeant at Arms, whose office provided data for this report, defines an event as activity that prevents public access to Statuary Hall for a period of time. As a result, activities such as a brief wreath laying at a particular statue are not included. **Table 1** reports the total number of events held in Statuary Hall since 2005. The **Appendix** provides the date of each event and a brief description.

Table 1. Number of Events Held in Statuary Hall, 2005-2020

| Year | Number |
|------|--------|
| 2005 | 16 |
| 2006 | 15 |
| 2007 | 16 |
| 2008 | 18 |
| 2009 | 10 |
| 2010 | 15 |
| 2011 | 12 |
| 2012 | 9 |
| 2013 | 14 |
| 2014 | 9 |
| 2015 | 4 |
| 2016 | 13 |
| 2017 | 9 |
| 2018 | 10 |

<https://rules.house.gov/sites/democrats.rules.house.gov/files/HouseRulesManual116/rule1.xml>.

⁷ Since the 101st Congress (1989-1990), at least one event was held in the Rotunda without a concurrent resolution: the lying in state of President Gerald Ford. President Ford died in December 2006, during the recess between the 109th and 110th Congress. The Speaker of the House and the Senate Majority Leader jointly authorized the use of the Rotunda without a concurrent resolution. For more information on use of the Rotunda, Emancipation Hall, and the Capitol Grounds, see CRS Report RL34619, *Use of the Capitol Rotunda, Capitol Grounds, and Emancipation Hall: Concurrent Resolutions, 101st to 115th Congresses*, by Jacob R. Straus.

⁸ U.S. Congress, *Hinds' Precedents of the House of Representatives of the United States*, prepared by Asher C. Hinds, vol. 2 (Washington: GPO, 1907), §1354, pp. 892-893. The Speaker's authority to assign rooms in the House Wing of the Capitol stems from his or her general authority to control the use of the House chamber. For more information, see "Committee Rooms, &c.," *Annals of the Congress of the United States*, vol. 42 (May 26, 1824), p. 2764.

⁹ U.S. Congress, *Cannon's Precedents of the House of Representatives of the United States*, prepared by Clarence Cannon, vol. 6 (Washington: GPO, 1935), §261, pp. 424-425. See also, "Recognition Still Remains with the Speaker," *Congressional Record*, vol. 47, part 1 (April 5, 1911), p. 80.

¹⁰ U.S. Congress, *Hinds' Precedents of the House of Representatives of the United States*, prepared by Asher C. Hinds, vol. 5 (Washington: GPO, 1907), §7273, p. 1104.

| Year | Number |
|--------------|----------------|
| 2019 | 12 |
| 2020 | 1 ^a |
| Total | 183 |

Source: CRS Analysis of Sergeant at Arms data.

- a. In March 2020, the House began restricting access to the House office buildings and the House wing of the Capitol because of COVID-19. No events were held in Statuary Hall after the January 15, 2020, Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony for Stephen Gleason. For more information, see U.S. Congress, House, Committee on House Administration and Committee on Ethics, "Update about the Coronavirus: Joint House Administration-Ethics Guidance," at <https://e-dearcolleague.house.gov/Home/Preview?DCID=295964>.

Following receipt of the data from the House Sergeant at Arms, the Congressional Research Service (CRS) examined the events and divided them into four categories: (1) receptions and dinners, (2) ceremonies, (3) media events, and (4) memorial services. The following sections provide a brief explanation of each category and examples of activities. **Table 2** reports the number of events since 2005, by category.

Table 2. Events Held in Statuary Hall, by Category
2005-2020

| Category | Number | Percentage of Total |
|----------------------|------------|---------------------|
| Receptions / Dinners | 103 | 56.3% |
| Ceremonies | 56 | 30.7% |
| Media Events | 10 | 5.4% |
| Memorial Services | 14 | 7.6% |
| Total | 183 | 100% |

Source: CRS Analysis of Sergeant at Arms data.

Receptions/Dinners

The largest percentage of events held in Statuary Hall since 2005 (56.3%) were receptions or dinners, hosted by both official congressional entities and private groups. For example, the Joint Congressional Committee on the Inaugural Ceremonies held the Inaugural Luncheon in Statuary Hall in 2005, 2009, 2013, and 2017; and the Capitol Historical Society held a reception for new Members of Congress in the Hall in 2005 and 2013. **Figure 1** shows a picture from the United States Capitol Historical Society reception honoring the 90th Anniversary of the Joint Committee on Taxation on February 24, 2016.

Figure 1. United States Capitol Historical Society Reception to Honor the 90th Anniversary of the Joint Committee on Taxation

February 24, 2016



Source: United States Capitol Historical Society, "USCHS Honors 90th Anniversary of the Joint Committee on Taxation," at <https://uschs.org/news-releases/uschs-honors-90th-anniversary-joint-committee-taxation>.

Ceremonies

Ceremonies account for 30.7% of the events held in Statuary Hall since 2005. These ceremonies include presentations of awards, unveiling of official portraits, commemorations of event anniversaries, formal wreath layings, and prayer services. For example, the annual National Moment of Remembrance is held in Statuary Hall. In addition, prior to moving the statue to Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center, an annual lei draping ceremony at King Kamehameha statue was held in Statuary Hall. **Figure 2** shows the Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony for Stephen Gleason on January 15, 2020.

Figure 2. Congressional Gold Medal Presentation Ceremony for Stephen Gleason
January 15, 2020



Source: U.S. Congress, House of Representatives, "Former NFL Player Steve Gleason Receives Congressional Gold Medal," January 16, 2020, at <https://www.house.gov/feature-stories/2020-1-16-former-nfl-player-steve-gleason-receives-congressional-gold-medal>.

Media Events

Occasionally, Statuary Hall has been used as the location for media availability, primarily after a presidential address to a joint session of Congress in the House chamber. Media events represent 5.4% of the events held in Statuary Hall since 2005. **Figure 3** shows National Statuary Hall being used for Member media interviews following President Donald Trump's 2018 State of the Union address.

Figure 3. Media Interviews for State of the Union Address in National Statuary Hall
January 30, 2018



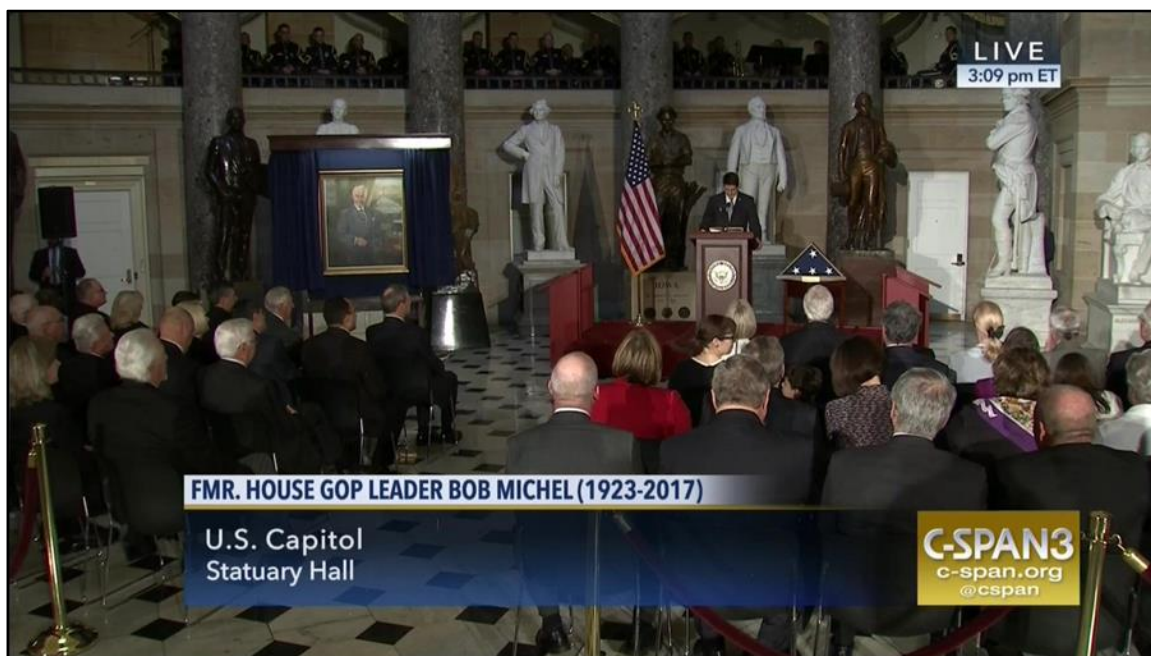
Source: CSPAN.org, "State of the Union Statuary Hall Interviews," at <https://www.c-span.org/video/?402871-1/state-union-statuary-hall-interviews>.

Memorial Services

Since 2005, 14 memorial services (7.6%) have been held in Statuary Hall—10 for individual then-current or former Members, and since 2016, an annual U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress memorial service to honor former Members who died in the past year. **Table 3** lists the memorial services held in Statuary Hall, including the Member honored and the date of the service; and **Figure 4** shows the memorial service for former Representative Bob Michel on March 9, 2017.

Figure 4. Memorial Ceremony for Former Representative Bob Michel

March 9, 2017



Source: CSPAN Twitter, "Memorial Service for Former Republican Leader Bob Michel," at <https://twitter.com/cspan/status/839931294599557121>.

Table 3. Memorial Services in National Statuary Hall Since 2005

| Date | Member of Congress |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| January 5, 2005 | Robert Matsui |
| May 17, 2007 | Juanita Millender-McDonald |
| February 14, 2008 | Tom Lantos |
| September 10, 2008 | Stephanie Tubbs Jones |
| March 30, 2010 | John P. Murtha |
| April 25, 2012 | Donald M. Payne |
| October 29, 2013 | Speaker Thomas Foley |
| September 14, 2016 | Mark Takai |
| March 9, 2017 | Robert Michel |
| April 18, 2018 | Louise Slaughter |

Source: CRS Analysis of Sergeant at Arms data.

Appendix. Events Held in Statuary Hall, 2005-2020

Since January 1, 2005, 183 events have been held in Statuary Hall. **Table A-1** contains a chronological list of these events, the date of the event, and the event type.

Table A-1. Events Held in Statuary Hall

January 5, 2005, to January 15, 2020

| Date | Event | Type |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1/5/2005 | Memorial Service for the Late Honorable Robert Matsui | Memorial Service |
| 1/20/2005 | Inaugural Luncheon ^a | Reception/Dinner |
| 2/2/2005 | Media Availability for Members of Congress following a Presidential Address before a Joint Session of Congress | Media Event |
| 2/17/2005 | Ceremony Celebrating the 100 th Anniversary of the Placement in Statuary Hall of the Frances E. Willard Statue | Ceremony |
| 3/2/2005 | Reception following the Presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to Jackie Robinson | Reception/Dinner |
| 3/7/2005 | Reception for New Members hosted by the Capitol Historical Society | Reception/Dinner |
| 4/16/2005 | Kennedy Center Gala Reception | Reception/Dinner |
| 4/27/2005 | Association of Former Members of Congress Reception | Reception/Dinner |
| 5/19/2005 | Association of Former Members of Congress Reception | Reception/Dinner |
| 5/29/2005 | Memorial Day Concert Reception | Reception/Dinner |
| 5/31/2005 | National Moment of Remembrance | Ceremony |
| 6/5/2005 | Ford's Theatre Gala Rehearsal Reception | Reception/Dinner |
| 6/6/2005 | King Kamehameha Lei Draping Ceremony | Ceremony |
| 6/7/2005 | International Club Reception and Dinner | Reception/Dinner |
| 7/4/2005 | July 4 th Concert Reception | Reception/Dinner |
| 9/22/2005 | Reception following the Dedication of the Statue of Po'pay from New Mexico | Reception/Dinner |
| 1/21/2006 | Wreath Laying Ceremony Honoring General Robert E. Lee | Ceremony |
| 1/31/2006 | Media Availability for Members of Congress following a Presidential Address before a Joint Session of Congress | Media Event |
| 3/15/2006 | 50 th Anniversary of Hungarian Democracy with an Address by President George W. Bush | Ceremony |
| 4/27/2006 | Association of Former Members of Congress Reception | Reception/Dinner |
| 5/6/2006 | Kennedy Center Gala Reception | Reception/Dinner |
| 5/10/2006 | U.S. House of Representatives Distinguished Service Award Presentation Ceremony to Vice President Cheney, Lindy Boggs, and Father Drinan | Ceremony |
| 5/25/2006 | Memorial Day Concert Reception | Reception/Dinner |
| 5/31/2006 | National Moment of Remembrance | Ceremony |
| 6/11/2006 | King Kamehameha Lei Draping Ceremony | Ceremony |
| 6/24/2006 | Ford's Theatre Gala Rehearsal Reception | Reception/Dinner |

| Date | Event | Type |
|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 7/4/2006 | July 4 th Concert Reception | Reception/Dinner |
| 7/19/2006 | Tribute to Retiring Members of Congress sponsored by the Capitol Historical Society | Reception/Dinner |
| 11/13/2006 | Speaker's Reception and Dinner Honoring New Members of the House | Reception/Dinner |
| 11/14/2006 | Democratic Leader's New Member Dinner | Reception/Dinner |
| 12/6/2006 | Speaker's Holiday Reception following the Lighting of the Capitol Christmas Tree on the West Front | Reception/Dinner |
| 1/23/2007 | Media Availability for Members of Congress following a Presidential Address before a Joint Session of Congress | Media Event |
| 3/29/2007 | Photo Op with the Tuskegee Airmen, President Bush, and the Speaker prior to the presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal in the Rotunda ^b | Ceremony |
| 4/7/2007 | Wreath Laying Ceremony Honoring General Robert E. Lee | Ceremony |
| 5/10/2007 | Association of Former Members of Congress Reception | Reception/Dinner |
| 5/17/2007 | Memorial Service for the Late Honorable Juanita Millender-McDonald | Memorial Service |
| 5/27/2007 | Memorial Day Concert Reception | Reception/Dinner |
| 5/31/2007 | National Moment of Remembrance | Ceremony |
| 6/2/2007 | Speaker hosted Reception and Dinner | Reception/Dinner |
| 6/10/2007 | King Kamehameha Lei Draping Ceremony | Ceremony |
| 6/21/2007 | 2007 Achievement Summit—Academy of Achievement Dinner and Reception | Reception/Dinner |
| 6/23/2007 | Ford's Theatre Gala Rehearsal Reception | Reception/Dinner |
| 7/4/2007 | July 4 th Concert Reception | Reception/Dinner |
| 7/17/2007 | Reception honoring Dr. Norman Borlaug following the presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal in the Rotunda | Reception/Dinner |
| 8/25/2007 | Wreath Laying Ceremony Honoring Father Junipero Serra | Ceremony |
| 11/30/2007 | Kennedy Center Gala Reception | Reception/Dinner |
| 12/4/2007 | Presentation of the Freedom Award to former Speaker Thomas Foley by the U.S. Capitol Historical Society | Reception/Dinner |
| 1/19/2008 | Wreath Laying Ceremony Honoring General Robert E. Lee ^c | Ceremony |
| 1/28/2008 | Media Availability for Members of Congress following a Presidential Address before a Joint Session of Congress | Media Event |
| 2/14/2008 | Memorial Service for the Late Honorable Tom Lantos | Memorial Service |
| 3/5/2008 | Reception for the Washington Premiere of the HBO series of "John Adams" hosted by the Speaker | Reception/Dinner |
| 4/3/2008 | Congressional Tribute to the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King "Renewing the Dream" | Ceremony |
| 4/17/2008 | Association of Former Members of Congress Reception | Reception/Dinner |
| 5/21/2008 | Congressional Tribute to the Centennial of the Birth of President Lyndon Johnson | Ceremony |
| 5/25/2008 | Memorial Day Concert Reception | Reception/Dinner |

| Date | Event | Type |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 5/31/2008 | National Moment of Remembrance | Ceremony |
| 5/31/2008 | Ford's Theatre Gala Rehearsal Reception | Reception/Dinner |
| 6/8/2008 | King Kamehameha Lei Draping Ceremony ^d | Ceremony |
| 7/4/2008 | July 4 th Concert Reception | Reception/Dinner |
| 9/10/2008 | Memorial Service for the Late Honorable Stephanie Tubbs Jones | Memorial Service |
| 9/24/2008 | Reception Honoring Retiring Members of the 110 th Congress and the Presentation of the Freedom Award by the Capitol Historical Society | Reception/Dinner |
| 9/24/2008 | Reception honoring the Congressional Black Caucus hosted by Speaker Pelosi and Leader Reid | Reception/Dinner |
| 11/18/2008 | Reception for New Members of Congress hosted by the Speaker | Reception/Dinner |
| 12/7/2008 | Kennedy Center Honors Reception | Reception/Dinner |
| 12/15/2008 | Reception Honoring Representative John Tanner and NATO Parliamentarians hosted by the Speaker | Reception/Dinner |
| 1/20/2009 | Inaugural Luncheon | Reception/Dinner |
| 2/10/2009 | Celebrating the Honorable John Dingell of Michigan on the Occasion of Becoming the Longest-Serving Member in the History of the U.S. House of Representatives | Ceremony |
| 2/24/2009 | Media Availability for Members of Congress following a Presidential Address before a Joint Session of Congress | Media Event |
| 5/13/2009 | Reception for New Members of Congress hosted by the Capitol Historical Society | Reception/Dinner |
| 5/24/2009 | Memorial Day Concert Reception | Reception/Dinner |
| 5/31/2009 | National Moment of Remembrance | Ceremony |
| 6/3/2009 | Reception and Dinner honoring Mrs. Ronald Reagan and the Unveiling of the Statue of President Ronald Reagan | Reception/Dinner |
| 6/16/2009 | Association of Former Members of Congress Reception | Reception/Dinner |
| 7/4/2009 | July 4 th Concert Reception | Reception/Dinner |
| 7/28/2009 | Unveiling of the Official Portrait of Speaker J. Dennis Hastert | Ceremony |
| 1/27/2010 | Media Availability for Members of Congress following a Presidential Address before a Joint Session of Congress | Media Event |
| 3/21/2010 | Sunday Worship Service for Members of Congress and Congressional staff ^e | Ceremony |
| 3/25/2010 | Women's History Event Honoring Secretary Hillary Clinton hosted by the Speaker | Ceremony |
| 3/30/2010 | Memorial Service for the Late Honorable John P. Murtha | Memorial Service |
| 5/30/2010 | Memorial Day Concert Reception | Reception/Dinner |
| 5/31/2010 | National Moment of Remembrance | Ceremony |
| 6/5/2010 | Ford's Theatre Gala Rehearsal Reception | Reception/Dinner |
| 6/15/2010 | Association of Former Members of Congress Reception | Reception/Dinner |
| 6/24/2010 | Ceremony to Commemorate the 60 th Anniversary of the End of the Korean War | Ceremony |

| Date | Event | Type |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 7/4/2010 | July 4 th Concert Reception | Reception/Dinner |
| 7/24/2010 | Reception and Dinner for the Spain/US Council Annual Forum | Reception/Dinner |
| 7/26/2010 | Reception honoring the 20 th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act | Ceremony |
| 11/8/2010 | Kennedy Center Gala Reception | Reception/Dinner |
| 11/8/2010 | Kennedy Center Reception Honoring the 2010 Recipient of the Mark Twain Award | Reception/Dinner |
| 11/14/2010 | Reception hosted by Leader Boehner for Republican New Members | Reception/Dinner |
| 1/25/2011 | Media Availability for Members of Congress following a Presidential Address before a Joint Session of Congress | Media Event |
| 3/9/2011 | Reception to Welcome Members of the 112 th Congress hosted by the Capitol Historical Society | Reception/Dinner |
| 3/24/2011 | 150 th Anniversary of the Congressional Medal of Honor | Reception/Dinner |
| 3/30/2011 | 40 th Anniversary of the Congressional Black Caucus | Reception/Dinner |
| 5/3/2011 | Dinner Honoring the Unveiling of the Statue of President Gerald R. Ford | Reception/Dinner |
| 5/31/2011 | Reception following the Memorial Day Concert | Reception/Dinner |
| 6/4/2011 | Ford's Theatre Gala Rehearsal Reception | Reception/Dinner |
| 6/14/2011 | Former Members Association Annual Dinner | Reception/Dinner |
| 7/4/2011 | Reception following "A Capitol Fourth" Concert | Reception/Dinner |
| 11/17/2011 | Presentation of the Capitol Historical Society Freedom Award to Senator Daniel Inouye and Representative John Dingell | Ceremony |
| 12/7/2011 | 35 th Anniversary of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus | Reception/Dinner |
| 12/12/2011 | Farwell Reception Honoring the Service of the Honorable Wilson Livingood, Sergeant at Arms | Ceremony |
| 4/25/2012 | Celebration of the Life of the Hon. Donald M. Payne | Memorial Service |
| 5/8/2012 | A Prayer of Rededication for America: Honoring George Washington's 223 rd Anniversary of his Inauguration | Ceremony |
| 5/27/2012 | Reception following the Memorial Day Concert | Reception/Dinner |
| 6/2/2012 | Ford's Theatre Gala Reception | Reception/Dinner |
| 7/4/2012 | Reception following the Capitol Fourth Concert | Reception/Dinner |
| 9/7/2012 | Welcome Reception for the G-8 Presiding Officers | Reception/Dinner |
| 10/26/2012 | Academy of Achievement Dinner and Reception | Reception/Dinner |
| 11/13/2012 | Dinner for new Members of the 113 th Congress hosted by the Speaker | Reception/Dinner |
| 11/14/2012 | Dinner for new Members of the 113 th Congress hosted by the Democratic Leader | Reception/Dinner |
| 1/21/2013 | Inaugural Luncheon | Reception/Dinner |
| 2/27/2013 | Dedication and Unveiling of a Statue of Rosa Parks | Ceremony |
| 3/6/2013 | Welcome Reception for New Members of the 113 th Congress hosted by the Capitol Historical Society | Reception/Dinner |

| Date | Event | Type |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 5/8/2013 | Washington: A Man of Prayer Service | Ceremony |
| 5/14/2013 | Former Members Association Reception | Reception/Dinner |
| 6/1/2013 | Ford's Theatre Gala Reception | Reception/Dinner |
| 6/5/2013 | Centennial of the Inauguration of President Woodrow Wilson | Reception/Dinner |
| 6/13/2013 | Celebration Recognizing Representative John D. Dingell as the Longest-Serving Member in the History of the U.S. Congress | Ceremony |
| 7/23/2013 | Celebration of the 90 th Birthday of Senator Robert J. Dole | Reception/Dinner |
| 7/31/2013 | 50 th Anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom | Ceremony |
| 9/10/2013 | Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony honoring Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley | Ceremony |
| 10/29/2013 | Memorial Service to Honor Former Speaker Thomas Foley | Memorial Service |
| 10/30/2013 | Dedication of a Bust of Sir Winston Churchill | Ceremony |
| 11/20/2013 | Freedom Award Presentation hosted by the Capitol Historical Society | Reception/Dinner |
| 3/13/2014 | New Members Reception hosted by the Capitol Historical Society | Reception/Dinner |
| 3/25/2014 | Congressional Ceremony Commemorating the Dedication of the Statue of Dr. Norman E. Borlaug (Iowa) | Ceremony |
| 4/30/2014 | Anne Frank Tree Dedication | Ceremony |
| 5/7/2014 | Washington: A Man of Prayer Service | Ceremony |
| 7/20/2014 | American-Australian Education Leadership Dialogue | Reception/Dinner |
| 11/12/2014 | Dinner for New Members of the 114 th Congress hosted by the Democratic Leader | Reception/Dinner |
| 11/13/2014 | Dinner for New Members of the 114 th Congress hosted by the Republican Leader | Reception/Dinner |
| 11/19/2014 | Presentation of the Capitol Historical Society Freedom Award to Representative John Lewis | Reception/Dinner |
| 11/19/2014 | Dedication of a bust of Vaclav Havel | Ceremony |
| 2/11/2015 | Congressional ceremony commemorating the dedication of the Statue of the Honorable Barry Goldwater of Arizona | Ceremony |
| 3/4/2015 | 150 th Commemoration of President Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address | Reception/Dinner |
| 5/30/2015 | Ford's Theater Gala Reception | Reception/Dinner |
| 8/14/2015 | 110 th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Statue of Francis Willard | Ceremony |
| 1/12/2016 | Media Availability for Members of Congress following a Presidential Address before a Joint Session of Congress | Media Event |
| 2/24/2016 | Reception honoring the 90 th Anniversary of the Joint Committee on Taxation | Reception/Dinner |
| 3/2/2016 | Women's History Event honoring Veterans hosted by Rep. Nancy Pelosi with President and Mrs. Obama | Reception/Dinner |
| 4/27/2016 | Washington: A Man of Prayer | Prayer Service |
| 5/11/2016 | U.S. Capitol Historical Society Freedom Award Ceremony | Reception/Dinner |

| Date | Event | Type |
|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 5/18/2016 | Reception Commemorating the Centenary of the 1916 Easter Rising in Ireland | Reception/Dinner |
| 6/12/2016 | Ford's Theatre Reception | Reception/Dinner |
| 6/15/2016 | U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress Memorial Service honoring former Members who died in the past year | Memorial Service |
| 6/16/2016 | Media Event hosted by the Speaker of the House about the U.S. Constitution | Media Event |
| 9/14/2016 | Celebration of the Life of Rep. Mark Takai | Memorial Service |
| 9/21/2016 | Congressional Statue Dedication Ceremony in honor of Thomas Alva Edison | Ceremony |
| 11/14/2016 | Dinner hosted by the Speaker of the House to Honor Newly Elected Republican Members of the 115 th Congress | Reception/Dinner |
| 11/15/2016 | Dinner hosted by the Democratic Leader to Honor Newly Elected Democratic Members of the 115 th Congress | Reception/Dinner |
| 1/20/2017 | Inaugural Luncheon hosted by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies | Reception/Dinner |
| 2/28/2017 | Media Availability for Members of Congress following a Presidential Address before a Joint Session of Congress | Media Event |
| 3/9/2017 | A Celebration of the Life of former Rep. Robert Michel | Memorial Service |
| 4/26/2017 | "Washington: A Man of Prayer" Prayer Event | Ceremony |
| 5/4/2017 | National Day of Prayer Celebration | Ceremony |
| 5/25/2017 | Wreath Laying Ceremony to Honor the Armed Services | Ceremony |
| 6/3/2017 | Ford's Theatre Gala Reception | Reception/Dinner |
| 9/27/2017 | Association of Former Members of Congress Memorial Service Honoring Former Members of Congress who Passed in the Last Year | Memorial Service |
| 10/5/2017 | Reception hosted by Whip Scalise Honoring First Responders | Reception/Dinner |
| 4/12/2018 | Ceremony to commemorate the 50 th Anniversary of the Assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. | Ceremony |
| 4/18/2018 | A Celebration of the Life of the Late Honorable Louise Slaughter | Memorial Service |
| 5/14/2018 | GOP Spouse Reception and Tour | Reception/Dinner |
| 5/23/2018 | Capitol Historical Society Reception honoring the House Committee on Energy and Commerce | Reception/Dinner |
| 6/9/2018 | Ford's Theatre Gala Reception | Reception/Dinner |
| 9/5/2018 | Association of Former Members of Congress Memorial Service Honoring Former Members of Congress Who Passed in the Last Year | Memorial Service |
| 9/18/2018 | 225 th Anniversary of Laying of the Capitol Cornerstone | Ceremony |
| 9/26/2018 | "Washington: A Man of Prayer" Prayer Event | Ceremony |
| 11/13/2018 | Speaker's Reception and Dinner in Honor of the Newly Elected Members of the 116 th Congress | Reception/Dinner |
| 11/14/2018 | Democratic Leader's Reception and Dinner Honoring Democratic Members-elect of the 116 th Congress | Reception/Dinner |
| 3/27/2019 | Women's History Month Event | Ceremony |

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| 5/1/2019 | "Lincoln Room" (H-226) Naming Ceremony | Ceremony |
| 5/2/2019 | National Day of Prayer Celebration | Ceremony |
| 5/13/2019 | Reception and tour hosted by House Minority Leader for GOP First Ladies | Reception/Dinner |
| 5/14/2019 | Reception and tour hosted by Democratic Caucus Chair for Democratic First Ladies | Reception/Dinner |
| 5/21/2019 | House Passage of 19 th Amendment Centennial Reception | Reception/Dinner |
| 6/1/2019 | Ford's Theatre Gala Reception | Reception/Dinner |
| 7/16/2019 | U.S. Capitol Historical Society Welcome Reception for 116 th Congress | Reception/Dinner |
| 9/18/2019 | Dedication of Statue of Ponca Chief Standing Bear from Nebraska | Ceremony |
| 9/26/2019 | Association of Former Members of Congress Memorial Service | Memorial Service |
| 10/24/2019 | Arrival Ceremony for Rep. Elijah Cummings Lying in State ^f | Ceremony |
| 10/19/2019 | Unveiling of the Official Portrait of Speaker John A. Boehner | Ceremony |
| 1/15/2020 | Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony in honor of Stephen Michael Gleason | Ceremony |

Source: The list of events held in National Statuary Hall was provided to CRS by the Office of the House Sergeant at Arms. The House Sergeant at Arms maintains the list of events.

Notes: In March 2020, the House began restricting access to the House office buildings and the House wing of the Capitol because of COVID-19. No events were held in Statuary Hall after the January 15, 2020, Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony for Stephen Gleason. For more information, see U.S. Congress, House, Committee on House Administration and Committee on Ethics, "Update about the Coronavirus: Joint House Administration-Ethics Guidance," at <https://e-dearcolleague.house.gov/Home/Preview?DCID=295964>.

- a. Inaugural lunches are hosted by the Joint Congressional Committee on the Inaugural Ceremonies (JCCIC). The first luncheon in Statuary Hall was held in 1953 for President Dwight D. Eisenhower.
- b. The Gold Medal Ceremony for the Tuskegee Airmen was held in the Rotunda (see S.Con.Res. 15, 110th Congress). In addition to being used for photo opportunities, Statuary Hall was used as an overflow room for the Gold Medal Ceremony.
- c. The Robert E. Lee statue was moved to the Capitol Crypt in 2008.
- d. The King Kamehameha statue was moved to the Capitol Visitor Center's (CVC's) Emancipation Hall in 2009. The Lei Draping ceremony was moved to the CVC beginning in June 2009.
- e. The worship service held in Statuary Hall was in conjunction with a Sunday session of the House [*Congressional Record*, daily edition, vol. 156 (March 21, 2010), pp. H-1819-H1890].
- f. Representative Elijah Cummings lay in state at the main door to the House chamber on October 24, 2019. For more information, see U.S. Congress, Office of the House Sergeant at Arms, "Arrangements for the Late Honorable Elijah Cummings," at <https://e-dearcolleague.house.gov/Home/Preview?DCID=278042>; and CRS Insight IN11472, *Members of the House of Representatives Lying in State in the U.S. Capitol*, by Jacob R. Straus.

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