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**Grey House Publishing Announces the Second Edition of  
*Speakers of the House of Representatives, 1789-2021***

Grey House Publishing is proud to announce the publication of the Second Edition of *Speakers of the House of Representatives, 1789-2021*. This edition includes biographies of the 55 representatives who have served as Speaker, as well as a wealth of supportive material that combines for a complete picture of the Speakers and the speakership—the history, the power, and the changes. With detailed content, thoughtful arrangement, and several user guides, *Speakers of the House of Representatives* is designed for multiple levels of study.

The content is organized into seven sections:

**Speaker Biographies** comprises 55 detailed biographies that average 7 pages long. This section is arranged chronologically, beginning with the first Speaker—Frederick Muhlenberg, who began his term in 1789—and ending with the current Speaker—Nancy Pelosi, who was elected in 2007 as the first female Speaker of the House. Each biography starts off with an image of the Speaker and dates of service, and is thoughtfully categorized into logical subsections that guide the reader through significant events or time spans: *Personal History; Early Years in Congress; The Vote; Acceptance Speech; Legacy as Speaker; After Leaving the Speakership*.

**Historical Essays** provide in-depth information, at an average of 6 pages each, on the office of the speakership. The topics are far reaching, and include the office's early formation in the House of Commons in England, controversial Speaker elections, the role of the Speaker during Presidential Impeachment, and even the difficulty in studying the speakership.

These historical essays are designed to engage the reader, and include facts and figures that will help give a full understanding of why the office of speakership was created, and how it evolved into what some consider the most powerful in modern politics.

**Primary Documents** is a unique collection of 31 documents. Comprising acceptance and resignation speeches, articles both historical and contemporary, and government documents that offer detailed

insight into the position and power of the Speaker, these documents are reprinted verbatim and fully sourced. Most include a brief description that gives timing, background and historical significance.

**Timeline: 1789-2021** chronicles the history of the speakership from 1789, when the House of Representatives met for the first time in Federal Hall in New York City, to significant events in 2021, including President Biden’s announcement to withdraw all remaining U.S. troops in Afghanistan and the vote by the House Republicans to remove Rep. Liz Cheney from the Conference Chair (the third highest leadership post) for criticizing Donald Trump over his efforts to paint the 2020 elections as fraudulent. It includes events—such as the creation of committees, landmark votes, critical arguments, and the passage of laws—as they relate to not only specific Speakers, but to the office of the speakership.

Seven **Appendices** offer a fascinating look at the statistics of the speakership, including: Years Served in Congress before being Elected Speaker; Votes of each Speaker Election; Midterm Election Results; Speakers by State; Congressional Distribution by Congress and Party. Each Appendix also includes a brief description.

**Bibliography** lists more than 300 sources organized into several categories, including Books, Articles, Unpublished Master’s Theses and Dissertations, and Official Government Documents.

**Subject Index** helps readers quickly find just what they are looking for, including individuals, places, legislation, publications and areas of significance to the office of the speakership.

*Speakers of the House of Representatives 1789–2021* is the only resource of its kind. It offers an unequalled look at the men and woman given the distinct honor to affect life-altering change for all Americans, usually behind the political scenes.

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