

On Congressional Ovations

Congress rung in their latest session with a standing ovation to the officers who shot and killed Miriam Carey, the woman who ran her car into a barricade at the White House, and then led a chase, ultimately ending in her being driven off the road and gunned down by the police. Do they frequently give standing ovations to government officers who gun down criminals? What about to private citizens who gun down criminals? Or even those fortunate few who successfully defend either their lives or their honor with sufficient force from attacks by criminals? Actually, I think Congress is merely staying true to character; giving their highest honors to those who defend the state. As Murray Rothbard wrote, "Compare the degree of zeal devoted to pursuing the man who assaults a policeman, with the attention that the State pays to the assault of an ordinary citizen." And that's today's two cents.

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