

pro-Jakarta foreign minister, Sen. Gareth Evans, began criticizing Indonesia's human-rights record. Amnesty International issued a damning report of prisoner torture and ill treatment.

Reacting to international outrage, Jakarta set up a 25-member national commission on human rights to monitor abuses. When soldiers near Dili executed six unarmed civilians in 1995, the commission found the killings "unlawful," and a court-martial led to the jailing of two soldiers for up to 4½ years. "It's a beginning," Belo told a Western reporter. Still the bishop often received several death threats a week.

One Sunday in early 1995, several hundred East Timorese gathered in Belo's garden for Mass. "Christ suffered so much for us," he said. "But in his resurrection we see our own hope for the time when we are at last free."

His sermon was a direct glimpse into his soul. For the bishop still trusts that freedom will come, that Indonesia will one day grant East Timor self-rule. But like every East Timorese, he also lives with an abiding fear.

After the service Belo pulled aside a visiting journalist. "We beg the outside world not to forget us," he said softly. "If that happens, we are doomed."

The world did not forget Belo and his people. In October 1996 the Nobel Committee honored the bishop and another East Timorese activist, José Ramos-Horta, with the Nobel Peace Prize, citing "their work toward a just and peaceful solution to the conflict in East Timor."

DEALING WITH SEXUAL HARASSMENT BY THE ARMY

(Ms. NORTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, as I speak, Secretary of the Army, Togo West, is reporting in the Senate on his progress in eliminating sexual harassment following the revelations of last November. I can only hope that today's revelation is not emblematic of that progress. The headlines read "Top Enlisted Man Accused of Sexual Harassment." I hasten to add that the operative words are accused and that the officer denies the charges and is entitled to his presumption.

However, this case is especially troubling. First, because of the charge: Sexual assault and sexual harassment; second, because of the rank of the accused, top enlisted man, Legion of Merit holder, 29-year veteran; third, because of the record of the complainant, a 22-year veteran herself recently retired; and, fourth, because of the circumstances of the public charge she alleges that became public only after months of no action by the Pentagon and only after the accused was actually appointed to the panel reviewing the Army's handling of sexual harassment. Much better, much faster, Army of the United States.

WE MUST WORK TOGETHER TO END THE VICIOUS CYCLE OF CHILD ABUSE

(Mr. DEAL of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DEAL of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, too often we ignore the caldron of neglect, violence, and moral decay that pervades our society until its poison boils over into our own lives.

On January 16, 1996, that occurred in my community of Gainesville, Hall County, GA, when a 19-month-old young boy, Austin Sparks, was brutally beaten to death by his baby-sitter. As we are now in this first anniversary period of Austin Sparks' death, the Hall County community has undertaken a campaign to fight child abuse by implementing the blue ribbon campaign in his memory. These small blue ribbons help remind us to be aware of child abuse every day of every year. Another positive that has come out of this tragedy is the purchase of a permanent home in Gainesville to assess the needs of abused children. The Children's Center will provide multiagency interviews for child abuse victims.

We must all work together to end this cycle of child abuse in our country.

GIVE FANS A CHANCE ACT

(Mr. BLUMENAUER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, after the Green Bay Packers won the Superbowl, their fans stood in freezing temperatures for hours to catch a glimpse of their fans. The Packers are not an ordinary football team, their fans are not ordinary fans, and their community is not an ordinary community, in large part because 1,950 residents of Green Bay own their football team.

The Packers are a vital part of the glue that holds the Green Bay community together, but they are unique because the NFL rules now prohibit any more public ownership of teams. At a time when fan loyalty is being tested by franchise moves, it is time to give fans a chance to own their own teams by eliminating league rules prohibiting public ownership of teams, requiring teams to listen to their fans and the community before moving, tying the league's broadcast antitrust exemption requirements to this bill.

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The NFL earned \$12.2 billion on broadcast rights last year. If my colleagues agree with me that more sports teams should be owned by the public, like the Packers, and the fans should have a voice on where their team decides to relocate, I invite my colleagues to support my Give Fans a Chance Act.

EXPRESSING SORROW OF THE HOUSE AT THE DEATH OF HON. FRANK TEJEDA, REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE STATE OF TEXAS

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 35) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 35

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable FRANK TEJEDA, a Representative from the State of Texas.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GOODLATTE). The gentleman from Texas [Mr. GONZALEZ] is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, it is my extremely sad duty, and may I say it is an honor and a privilege, to offer a few words of praise and of course tribute to a friend and a dear colleague, FRANK TEJEDA, who died too soon, far short of the full realization and the promise of his potential. But though his life was shortened by a terrible and a very tragic disease, he left behind a legacy of great achievement, he made his life a model, and I think others will do well to emulate him.

To all of those who knew and loved FRANK, I offer my heartfelt condolences today. Words, of course, are never adequate to express the feeling of loss that we share. All we can do is say what we can and draw strength from FRANK's memory and his achievements.

FRANK was only 51 years of age when he died, and this was some 17 months after having been diagnosed with a brain tumor. But he died as he lived, with grit and grace.

Grit: FRANK had it in great abundance. He dropped out of high school and became a first class marine.

Courage: As a combat marine, he never flinched or failed. He was born a brave leader. He was decorated for his courage under fire.

Determination: He worked hard enough and sacrificed enough to finish law school at both Harvard and Yale, two of the most distinguished law schools in the country, which I hardly think is bad for a high school dropout.

Grace: He would do anything for a friend and never count the cost.

Energy: He worked hard. He worked hard for his district, his constituents, his country. And he never once faltered, before or during his illness. He never complained about his situation. He remained determined from the beginning to the end that he would do his best, and he did.

One has to go a long way to find another human being who so thoroughly combined the virtues that FRANK TEJEDA embodied: His grit, his grace, his energy, his determination, his decency, and his honor. FRANK TEJEDA served with honor and distinction in the Texas legislature for 16 years and in 1992 was elected to the Congress with 87 percent of the vote cast.

FRANK and I served neighboring and adjacent districts, and though of

course we did not always agree on issues, I had and still have the highest regard for his integrity and his honor. He served with distinction, and I doubt that any Member of this House ever knew him to be anything less than a decent, a compassionate, and a deeply caring human being.

I do not think anybody worked harder than FRANK TEJEDA nor worked with greater patience and determination. Nobody served his district more carefully. Nobody treated people with more respect and decency. He was a credit to his community and to this House. His loss is a tragedy for his family, for his community, and for this House.

Yet I hope that his family and all of us will be strengthened by the memory of his life of promise and that each of us will honor his memory, not just by our words but in the way we live and serve. If we can live with that same grit and grace, we will truly honor the man that we mourn today.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ORTIZ].

(Mr. ORTIZ asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I was profoundly sorry last Friday to say goodbye to my friend, FRANK TEJEDA.

I last saw FRANK about a month ago. We talked a little bit about politics and congressional business, but mostly we talked about our families and how much we love our families. FRANK loved his children so much. I told him stories and jokes, and I saw in his eyes the life and determination I have always seen in my friend FRANK, the fighter, the marine. I will miss him more than I can say.

He was an all-American patriot, serving his country from the jungles of Vietnam to the corridors of power in Austin and Washington. He had a similar rise in his education fortunes, dropping out of high school when he was young and later graduating from prestigious ivy league schools such as Yale and Harvard.

He was uncomplicated. He meant what he said, and he said what he meant. His word was his bond.

His story is very much the American story, about the ingenuity and creativity of one man's rise from obscurity to power. FRANK was an inspiration to me.

I, too, had to drop out of high school when I was young to fight my way through supporting my family, joining the service, and getting a GED. My service was in the Army military police in France before the United States became fully engaged in Vietnam.

FRANK's service was for the Marines in Vietnam, winning a Purple Heart, a Bronze Star, and a host of other decorations in a hostile theater, and he was recently awarded the Silver Star. In fact, I had been making arrangements for Vice President GORE to fly to San Antonio to present the Silver Star to him when he died.

FRANK exemplified the very best in public service, honesty, and integrity.

He was a true leader who believed in the value and decency of the working class. He always said he was proud to be a marine, and he didn't want it any other way.

That same ideal moved him to work hard all of his life and stick up for the working people that he represented so well. He was a hero who believed strongly in the power of our democratic process, and our democratic process was made better by the virtue of his service. He is a marvelous role model for south Texas today.

FRANK had an enormous impact on the military community in San Antonio and Washington. He was an important part of the Committee on National Security. During the entire base closure process in 1993 and 1995, he was a vigilant defender of the San Antonio area bases. He made eloquent presentations before the BRAC Commission.

FRANK always approached problems with common sense, commonsense solutions, and an engaging sense of humor. He was deeply loved and will be missed by those who knew him within the defense establishment. I know I will miss him each time I walk into this Chamber.

Over the past 4 years, FRANK and I and other Members with me in that corner down there, we laughed at our jokes, exchanged what we call a south Texas chisme, and went over matters before our National Security Committee or other things that affected south Texas.

Right now this Chamber feels empty without FRANK. But there is one thing I know each and every Member of this House, envied FRANK, who was a Texas State senator, who basically drew his own congressional district during the 1990's redistricting process.

FRANK showed enormous grace and courage over the past year when dealing with the pressure of cancer and the challenge of chemotherapy. As always, the highly decorated and respected marine fought the valiant fight. He was a disciplinarian with his personal life, with his personal ethics, and with his physical health.

I greatly admired FRANK, as did many Texans. FRANK TEJEDA was one of the best friends I ever had. I urge my colleagues to remember his children, Marissa; Sonya; and Frankie III; and his mother, Lillie, during this difficult time for them. I also ask that we remember his sister, his only sister, Mary Alice Lara; and his brothers, Juan Tejeda, Ernest Tejeda, and Richard Tejeda, in our prayers.

FRANK TEJEDA was a giant among men and among leaders. Our country, our State, and this House lost a meaningful piece of our fabric.

Tonight is the State of the Union. For 4 years we sat together here with our colleagues and watched the President give the State of the Union. We will miss you tonight, my brother, but we will cherish your memory.

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Texas [Mr. SMITH].

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Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, first let me thank my friend and colleague, the gentleman from Texas [Mr. GONZALEZ], the dean of the San Antonio delegation, for yielding this time to me.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to share two stories about Congressman FRANK TEJEDA for the RECORD, our friend who recently left us. One dates back 20 years, the other only a few days.

In 1976 I was a new attorney fresh out of law school. I had just joined a law firm in the Milam Building in downtown San Antonio. I began to hear and read about another young attorney who was planning to run for State representative against an entrenched incumbent. The young challenger's name was FRANK TEJEDA, and he had an impressive record, including having received many honors in the Marine Corps. He also had some interesting ideas about reforming government that appealed to me.

FRANK's law office was also in that same Milam Building. One day I walked up several flights of stairs to meet him and to give him a campaign contribution. It was only a check for \$15, but it was the first political contribution I had ever made. FRANK said, in fact, it was only the second campaign contribution he had received after one from a relative.

We had some good laughs about it during the years that followed. Those years saw him hold three offices as a Democrat and saw me hold several offices as a Republican, including a stint as Bexar County Republican Party chairman just 2 years after I made that first contribution to FRANK TEJEDA.

I have always considered that contribution to have been a very good investment. The potential FRANK TEJEDA showed back then proved out during his years of public service, from the Texas legislature to his reelection to Congress last November. We still hear and read about his dedication to country, his steadfastness, his integrity. He kept his promises.

The second story goes back just a few days to the Thursday evening that FRANK died. In our family we have a tradition of studying the Bible each morning, but that Thursday, for the first time in many, many weeks, I felt compelled to read from the Scriptures at night, and it was a little before 9:30 p.m. Washington time when I read what Jesus said in the book of John: "He that believeth on me shall never see death."

About 2 hours later I received a call in Washington informing me of FRANK's passing in San Antonio shortly before 8:30 p.m. It was comforting to know that I had read that uplifting passage at the same time FRANK had passed away.

The words were a reminder that there is no death, no end to the love we feel for FRANK and the love he feels for his family, his friends, and our Nation. The happy memories we hold, like the

love expressed, will always be with us. They are, in fact, infinite.

My friendship with FRANK has spanned both decades and partisan lines. When we worked together on issues important to Texas, there was never any sense that one of us was a Democrat and one of us a Republican. We never exchanged a harsh word on any subject.

That is the way I remember FRANK TEJEDA, a man who believed in the highest ideals of public service, and fulfilled his lifelong promise to those same ideals.

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Texas [Mr. GREEN].

Mr. GREEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the dean of the Texas delegation for allowing me to speak today.

Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues across the aisle in expressing our sorrow for the death of our colleague, Mr. FRANK TEJEDA. The Nation has lost a leader, Texas has lost a son, and I lost a friend.

FRANK and I served together since 1977 as State representative, as State senator, and now as congressional colleagues. Never has anyone served in office with more honor and more distinction.

FRANK TEJEDA was a man of his word and we will miss him. He was a man of his word throughout his legislative career, from his first term, 2-year term as a State representative, to his terms as a State senator.

FRANK literally was a Texas hero and an American hero. He dropped out of school at 17, volunteered for the Marines and was sent to Vietnam. Two weeks before his tour was up in 1966 he was hit by shrapnel. He was awarded a Purple Heart and Bronze Star for his bravery under fire, and yesterday he was awarded a Silver Star for his bravery. He received the highest grades ever in the Officer Candidate School in the Marine Corps.

FRANK returned to San Antonio and graduated from St. Mary's with an undergraduate degree, and then earned his law degrees at Berkeley and Yale, and a graduate degree from Harvard. As my colleague and dean of the Texas delegation said, not bad for a high school dropout.

FRANK was elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1976, and to the Texas Senate in 1986. In the legislature he championed bills to build housing for veterans, protect crime victims. He worked to assist minority and women-owned businesses, promoted measures to ensure voting rights for minorities, and attacked the practice of dismissing jurors based on their race or their ethnicity.

In 1993 as a Member of Congress, Mr. TEJEDA called for removal of a Federal judge accused of uttering racial slurs against Hispanics in open court. In 1992, FRANK was the only freshman elected to Congress from a new district who did not face major party opposi-

tion in either the primary or the general election. Having had four elections in 1992, when I came to Congress, I asked FRANK, I said I needed to learn how he did it, because I had four elections and he barely had two.

FRANK TEJEDA never forgot his military training and the importance of education. He was the most proud to be a marine. During his two terms in Congress, two-plus terms in Congress, FRANK TEJEDA worked tirelessly for veterans health and education benefits. FRANK TEJEDA will be missed by Americans, by Texans, by San Antonio residents. America has lost a fighter for freedom and we lost a friend.

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from Texas [Ms. JACKSON-LEE].

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I thank the dean very much for his kindness. Mr. Speaker, my relationship with Mr. FRANK TEJEDA is a new one. However, I hope that that does not diminish the sincerity of my words today.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleagues from Texas and throughout this Nation, to pay respects to a man, a man's man. I do not mind saying that in this era of political correctness, FRANK TEJEDA was a man to be looked up to. He stood for the values we need more of today: family, honor, education, and public service.

He was a man of the barrio, of the south side of San Antonio, who knew what it was like to shine another man's shoes; who understood, however, to keep his pride in the face of adversity, and how to face any challenge squarely and without hesitation.

He faced down enemy fire in Vietnam, where he was decorated after rising to the challenge of Marine Corps Officers Training School, by leaving his mark with records and academic leadership and physical fitness.

Mr. TEJEDA understood the value of education, earning degrees at our finest schools: the University of California at Berkeley, Harvard, and Yale. His education served him well as a devoted public servant.

Serving in the Texas House and Senate for a total of 16 years, and then coming to Congress in 1993, he dedicated his entire life to making the south side of San Antonio a better place to live and work, and, yes, this country a better place to be in.

He understood about the health and safety of his community. His work to help build health clinics for veterans and those in need of health care was superior. He helped to bring better sewers and cleaner water to his district. When the farmers and ranchers faced a drought, he broke through the redtape here in Washington and got them immediate relief.

But the job he liked best was being a father to his three children. His daughters and son always knew they could count on him. Certainly I think we can look to them for great things. Frankie,

his son, will certainly be a reminder of his great works in his leadership.

FRANK TEJEDA, the Congressman, will be missed here. I knew him as a determined, forceful, committed, and gentle leader. Everyone admired his political intuition as he quietly got things done.

I think he leaves us with the impression that he was not just another politician or another elected official. He will be missed as a leader of his community. He will be missed as a father. He will be missed as a colleague, and yes, he will be missed as a man; but most importantly, he will be missed as an American, a lover and doer of the tenets and words of the flag.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to now acknowledge some beautiful words that many of us who joined his family were able to hear yesterday in the ceremony that celebrated the life of Congressman FRANK TEJEDA. It is from his daughter, Marissa, but I think it captures, if you will, the comments of all of his children, and certainly those who loved him and respected him:

You are a celebrity to me. I've watched you grow all these years with me, almost as if you were a big star on the screen.

I've watched you give to others. This taught me the gift of giving.

I've watched you make your dreams come true. This taught me to believe in dreams.

I've watched you play my fan at my softball and soccer games. This taught me to find courage and self-worth.

I've watched you play my teacher. This taught me the meaning of moral gratification and education.

I watched you play my dad when you loved me unconditionally and supported me with all of your faith. This taught me the magic in love and the ability to bring love to others.

And I watched you as you played my friend every day, when you talked to me, cried with me, and laughed with me.

You were a star to me. I was your biggest fan.

Love, Marissa.

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to my fellow Texan, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to remember and pay tribute to my friend, colleague, and a great American, Congressman FRANK TEJEDA. His untimely death is a great loss for the constituents of District 28, all of Texas, and the citizens of the United States.

Congressman TEJEDA and I have worked together for many years in many capacities. He and I were colleagues in the Texas House and the Texas Senate. We were elected to this office in the same class in 1992. He was a patriot, a Vietnam veteran who risked his life many times to defend his fellow marines. He was honored with many medals. He was a true American hero.

My colleague, FRANK TEJEDA, has been an example and role model for many people in many ways. He proved that you can achieve success with determination and hard work. He ended

his life with the same quiet dignity he always showed. My heart and prayers are with his family.

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ].

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the distinguished gentleman from Texas for yielding time to me.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the resolution, and to pay tribute to a great American, a dear colleague, and a good friend, Mr. FRANK TEJEDA. FRANK and I came to the Congress 4 years ago, he from Texas, I from New Jersey; he an American of Mexican descent, I an American of Cuban descent. Through our mutual friend, Mr. SOLOMON ORTIZ, we became very friendly.

FRANK TEJEDA was a quiet warrior. That description may seem inconsistent, but in fact it was the way that FRANK got things done here in the House. FRANK TEJEDA was tempered by war and disciplined by its effects to seek peace, he felt, through strength. FRANK had a deep and abiding faith in his God, his family, and his country. He exhibited extraordinary courage on the battlefield, where, as the leader of his platoon and wounded, he sought to save the lives of one of his men; in life, as he struggled against prejudice and for social justice; and in death, as he faced the ravages of cancer.

Yesterday, as I and other Members of the House attended his funeral, we saw the neighborhoods he fought for and the people who lined the streets with signs expressing their love and respect for their champion. FRANK TEJEDA was a loving father, a courageous soldier, a great public servant.

To ascribe so many positive qualities to one individual might be said to be the usual gilding of the lily. In the case of FRANK TEJEDA, it was simply the truth.

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My life, this House, our country are better off due to his life here on Earth with us. God bless you, FRANK.

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Texas [Mr. EDWARDS].

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, there are times when words seem so inadequate, and for me this is one of those moments. I will always consider one of the great privileges of my life to have been able to serve in the Texas Senate and the U.S. Congress with FRANK TEJEDA. For the last 4 years we worked together on the Committee on Veterans' Affairs and were seat mates at the Committee on National Security. My friend FRANK TEJEDA, the quiet marine, with a great heart. I wish all Americans could have known him. You did not see FRANK on the Sunday talk shows and not too often here in the well of this House making speeches. He was more interested in helping others than in talking about it. You see, FRANK TEJEDA was someone whose life of accomplishment, integrity and car-

ing spoke for itself. And what an eloquent speech his life became for our Nation and for young people for generations to come.

FRANK TEJEDA fought for his country in time of war and served his country in time of peace. While not one who wasted words, he spoke out and fought effectively for those beliefs he held so dear, a strong defense, veterans care, education for our children and justice for all. In a time when many have grown cynical of all who serve in public office, FRANK TEJEDA's spirit is a living reminder that serving one's community and country can be and should be a noble calling.

Each week when Congress recessed, FRANK was on the airplane first to get back home. His heart and soul were always with his district in south Texas where he worshipped his God, loved his family, and was devoted to his constituents. That is why I believe that, more than the words spoken here in this House today, FRANK would be most proud of those signs that lined the streets in his beloved south San Antonio yesterday that said, we love you, FRANK. To my friend, we love you as well, and we will never forget the eloquence of your life's work. *Mi amigo, yo te amo.*

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from California [Mr. BECERRA].

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, I thank the dean of the Texas delegation for yielding time to me.

I also make mention that tomorrow the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ORTIZ] and I have also requested time through a special order to also commemorate the life of our good friend, FRANK TEJEDA.

It is truly with profound sadness that we extend our deepest condolences to the three children of FRANK TEJEDA, Marissa, Sonya and Frank III and to his mother, Lilly, on the untimely passing of FRANK TEJEDA. I do not think anyone would disagree if we were to say that this is a man who perhaps was not the best known Member in the House of Representatives, perhaps was not the Member who came and spoke down in this well most often, perhaps was not the gentleman who was out in committee making the most noise most often and perhaps was not the one socializing at night with all of his colleagues most often. But certainly I think no one would deny that this is a man who with total dignity every day that he was here showed that he earned the respect of the constituents of his district so that he could be the Representative from Texas.

I consider FRANK TEJEDA an American hero. It is not too often you do not know about the Superman's of the world and the Superman's of America, but a FRANK TEJEDA does not come very often. That is why at the age of 51, it is such a sadness to have seen him leave. It was FRANK's courage in the face of great obstacles that served him

so well throughout his time here in Congress.

Two years ago I remember that, 1995, 2 years ago many believed upon learning of his illness, of his cancer of the brain that he would never serve another day in Congress. But in typical style, FRANK, remember FRANK is a guy who went to Harvard and went to Yale to graduate school and who also at the same time was a dropout from high school, remember FRANK is the Vietnam veteran who got not just the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart but also posthumously was awarded the Silver Star for having saved the lives of American soldiers, forsaking his own in the process.

This is a man who has always fought back. He returned to service in Congress even after all those folks said that there is no way in the world someone with that type of an illness could ever come back. And yet he continued to serve and finished off the days of the 104th Congress.

He was elected and even was sworn into the 105th Congress representing the 28th District of Texas. Had he had the chance, there is no doubt that with every fiber of his body and with every drop of blood he would have been here today. But I think as we heard at his funeral yesterday, the bishop, the archbishop say, it was destined that God wanted FRANK with him, that FRANK had served a greater purpose here and the Lord had seen fit to take him with him. I will argue with the Lord for having done that for probably the rest of my life, but FRANK knew his duty and he always served it.

I think it has always been said so well about FRANK, he gave when it was time, and he never, and he never, I am not sure if I have ever known anyone, but he never complained. This is a guy who not just in his physique but in the way he conducted himself told you that he could take punishment, but he would be there the next day. And that is perhaps the biggest tribute any one of us could pay to a man like FRANK TEJEDA. He never boasted about what he had done. He never said to any one of us here that, while I may not be the most famous Congressman, I saved the lives of some of the Americans who are watching today as I act as a Representative in Texas. He never once said to anyone, I graduated from some of the schools that most people in this Nation will never even get to step foot on. At the same time, he was someone who never had a chance to quite finish high school. He never bragged, but he was always there. I think that is the mark of someone who really is an American hero, and that is why I say, FRANK TEJEDA, you are an American hero.

FRANK was a quiet, dignified and disciplined man. But, oh, how proudly and eloquently his life spoke to the value of being an American. Look back at your life, FRANK, please look back at your life. We are many who will miss you. Today as we adjourn this, another august day of democracy in this Nation,

we say goodbye to a very distinguished American. Thank you, FRANK, for your service to this country. FRANK, thank you very much for your service in life. And I think all of us understand that today we mourn the passing of a great American hero.

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to gentlewoman from Florida [Mrs. FOWLER].

Mrs. FOWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my most profound sorrow at the passing of our colleague, FRANK TEJEDA, of San Antonio last week. I served with FRANK on the House Committee on National Security where his dedication to our national security and his commitment to his constituency in San Antonio was always in evidence.

FRANK brought to our committee a wealth of experience about military service and the dangers facing our Nation. Much of this experience he gained the hard way, particularly as a Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam conflict where he served with distinction earning a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart. Following FRANK's return from Vietnam, he continued to serve in the Marine Corps Reserve, even during his service here in the House.

FRANK's voice of experience and his quiet determination will be sorely missed in our committee meetings. Our hearts go out to his family and friends who grieve at his passing. I hope they take consolation knowing how much he contributed to our Nation and how deeply his colleagues will miss him.

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Florida [Mr. DIAZ-BALART].

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to rise today in memory of FRANK TEJEDA, a very special man who became a special friend during the last 4 years. We were both elected in 1992. I was aware at the time of our election of his heroic record in combat in our Armed Forces. I was also aware at the time of our election of his extraordinarily impressive academic achievements, the fact that he had been at Yale and Harvard and succeeded there and in many other academic endeavors.

I did not know, however, at the time of our election, what I subsequently was able to learn by getting to know FRANK TEJEDA personally. He was a man of great faith, a man who revered family and who revered friendship.

I was most impressed every time, just about every time I had the opportunity to speak to FRANK, especially in the last years, when he was battling his illness, how he would say: I am fine, LINCOLN, I am fine. As a matter of fact, Diosito has protected me even from pain.

He would refer to God in that marvelous way which I would translate only as: My dearest God, my dearest God. He had great love for God as well as for family and for country and for freedom.

I wish to take this opportunity, Mr. Speaker, to make sure that his family

knows not only how much FRANK will be missed here in the Halls of Congress but that his friends here will not only miss him but look forward to being in touch with his family and that his family know that we long to be their friends, as we were, of FRANK TEJEDA.

We will miss him, that very special man of patriotism, of grace and character and honor and integrity, of courage and optimism and strength and decency, that exemplary man who we had the honor and the privilege of getting to know personally during the last 4 years, FRANK TEJEDA. Hasta luego, caro amigo.

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Texas [Mr. HINOJOSA].

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for me to be able to speak from the House, from the floor of the House of Representatives, my maiden speech, as a freshman Congressman, as one who knew FRANK TEJEDA. I feel honored that I will be allowed to come before you and to express my thoughts and my sentiments about this great individual whom we knew as FRANK.

The simplicity with which he spoke, the simplicity with which he treated the rest of the colleagues from Texas and from the rest of the country was something that was outstanding. It was spoken yesterday at the church as we, over 60 of us, Congressmen and Congresswomen, were seated and listened to the priests, to the bishops who were celebrating the mass. They said that he was the individual, he was the Congressman who had grown up right there in that neighborhood and had been an altar boy, had been attending school in that Catholic church and had played in the background and in the playgrounds adjacent to the church, and they spoke of how he had surfaced and become a leader amongst his little friends.

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But not only did he surface to become a leader amongst those little friends, he rose here in the Halls of Congress to become one of the national leaders whom we all respected, and so we are here to pay tribute to FRANK TEJEDA.

We are here to join the many who feel exactly as I do, and that is that he was an honorable man; that he was honest; that he was hard working; that he was one whom you could depend on. If he gave you his word, you could count on it.

When I heard his children express their thoughts at the service yesterday, when I heard Marissa, when I heard Sonya, when I heard Frankie, I knew that he had done a wonderful job as a father and as a friend to those children. And so my last words are that we not forget those three children that he leaves behind, because they gave up so much so that their father could go and serve his constituents, that he could go and serve his country. And for that, I hope that we will always remember them in our prayers and that

we see that they lack nothing the rest of their lives.

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to my fellow Texan, Mr. BONILLA.

(Mr. BONILLA asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BONILLA. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague from Texas, Mr. GONZALEZ, for yielding me this time. We are all mourning a great loss we have all suffered in south Texas with the passing of our friend, FRANK TEJEDA.

FRANK was my personal friend. He and I were both elected at the same time and came to Congress the same year. We would often fly back and forth on the airplane, back to visit our constituents on weekends, and talk about how we all were so fortunate to wind up here representing the people of south Texas and west Texas.

During those times we would reflect on the places where he and I came from. He went to Harlandale High School, which is a couple miles up the road from South San Antonio High School, where I attended on the south side of San Antonio. And as we spent those many hours talking about the things we wanted to accomplish and the things that we wanted to do, it is so difficult to believe that in such a short period of time he is no longer with us.

He was the kind of person that in the last few days in south Texas we have all been reflecting on his accomplishments and what he did as a great community activist and a great advocate for the poor and for those who had no place else to turn often.

FRANK TEJEDA was always there when they needed him. He sponsored Little League baseball teams. He would pay for funerals for people who could not afford them in the neighborhoods in San Antonio. Never asking for any publicity, never asking for any recognition but simply writing a check, often, many times, most of the times out of his personal account to help families who otherwise would have no place else to turn.

As we think back on the legacy he has left us, what greater legacy can a man leave behind than having led by example with great honesty, with great character, with great integrity, with great dignity; and not only preaching those values everywhere he went but by leading by example at every opportunity.

South Texas and San Antonio loved FRANK TEJEDA. They loved FRANK TEJEDA, and his memory will live on forever. I just hope that one day as I work in these Halls of Congress that I can accomplish half of whatever he accomplished as a legislator and in the many years he served in public office.

FRANK, we know you are up there looking down on us today hoping that we can carry on the work that you started here; and as your children reflect on you, as your mother and your family members reflect on you and as

your friends reflect on you and what you have meant to them, we all appreciate the great legacy you have left us about the values and honesty and integrity and the things that were important to you. We will certainly try to aspire to meet the standards that you have set.

There is no greater legacy that an American will leave behind. We will miss you, FRANK. We will all remember your work and try to work and aspire to meet those standards you set for us.

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. TALENT].

Mr. TALENT. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend for yielding me this time so that I can add my words to those of my colleagues in memory of my friend and classmate, FRANK TEJEDA, who recently fought his last battle. He fought so many in his life. He fought them all with honor and with grace, and that is the way he fought his last one as well.

I remember working with FRANK on the Armed Services Committee for the 4 years that he and I served in this institution, and working so well with him and in a spirit of bipartisanship. And for FRANK TEJEDA that was not something that he did when it was politic but not when it was not politic. It was something he did all the time. He did not even think about it. It was just a function of his character. FRANK loved people and he looked at individuals as individuals and he worked with them and for them his whole life.

FRANK was a man who went through a lot of adversity; had a lot of difficult times. Mr. Speaker, that makes some people bitter, but it empowers other people. It allows them to understand, truly, the sufferings that other people are going through and to be a method of comforting them, and that is what FRANK did.

Mr. Speaker, there is a verse from "America the Beautiful" that I really like. I think of it when I think of my colleagues and my friends who are veterans and have served their country so honorably, and I think it sums up at least a part of FRANK's life and his public service so well. I would like to recite it in closing my remarks.

Oh, beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life.

That was our friend FRANK TEJEDA. We will miss him. I would like to add my voice to my colleagues in extending my condolences to his family and friends.

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Texas, Mr. SAM JOHNSON.

(Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague for yielding. I appreciated FRANK. I tell my colleagues, FRANK TEJEDA and I had a chance to serve in the Texas House together. He was in the House when I was

first elected down there, and later elected to the Senate, and I was there with him for the whole 7 years I was in the House. I got to know him, because down there we are not partisan like we are up here. We were bipartisan. We ate and drank together and we made laws together and we got to know each other. And I got to know FRANK. I even served on committees with him.

When he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, he did not have any opposition. Since that time he has been having to fly through Dallas to get up here, which is where I am from, and I have flown back and forth with him many times. And I want to tell my colleagues that he read the Bible on the airplane, memorized verses, and said that he was going to do what was right for America and what was right in the eyes of the Lord.

FRANK TEJEDA was a marine, and because of that he gave great faith in the strength of our armed services, which I believe in as well, and he and I were on common ground there. The strength of this Nation lies in our strength, in our military strength to form our foreign policy around the world. FRANK did that with a vehemence no one else could do. He was a great marine.

To FRANK, I say, and I think the marines would say, *semper fi*. Adios amigo.

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Texas [Mr. STENHOLM].

Mr. STENHOLM. Mr. Speaker, I thank the dean of the Texas delegation, Mr. GONZALEZ, for yielding me this time.

We all now know much more about FRANK TEJEDA, his records, his legacy, his biography, but what will last in those hidden hollows of the hearts that knew him as a son, as a brother, as a father, as a comrade, as a colleague, and as a friend will be FRANK's unwavering courageous dedication to his God, to his family, and to his country.

The mark of any mortal is not how much he exhibits to the world but the quality of what he leaves behind. FRANK's real legacy is the high esteem in whom all who knew him held him. His honesty, his impeccable integrity, his quiet unassuming professional manner, his almost single-minded devotion to making life better.

Whether you were his marine buddy in the swamps of Vietnam, his neighbor in the barrio of San Antonio's south side, the many kids, young ballplayers, who got that uniform that they treasured so much because of the generosity of FRANK, whether you were a confidante or a combatant in the corridor of Congress, you could always be sure that FRANK would give you every consideration, every remedy, every ounce of integrity, honesty, fair play and unwavering courage that inhabited his being.

Let it be said in the words of two quotations that I think best fit now the memory of FRANK TEJEDA. Sir Richard Francis Burton said, "He noblest lives

and noblest dies who makes and keeps his self-made laws." And Daniel Webster once observed, "Although no sculptured marble should rise to their memory, nor engraved stone bear records of their deeds, yet will their remembrance be as lasting as the lands they honored."

FRANK TEJEDA loved this land and he honored it in so many ways while he was privileged to live on this Earth and we will forever remember him.

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Texas, Congressman SESSIONS.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the dean of the Texas delegation, Mr. GONZALEZ, very much.

I rise today also to say farewell to FRANK TEJEDA, a fellow Texan, a man who deeply believed not only in the faith and hope of Texans, but very much in our country and all that we stand for.

A lot has been said here today about the honesty, forthrightness, and the hard work that FRANK TEJEDA exemplified as a Texan, as a father, as a parent, and as a man who did the best for his country. But I would also like to rise today and say that as I attended the funeral yesterday that I saw a hope within the people of San Antonio, the people who lined the streets, who joined us in the cathedral, in the church there as we said goodbye to FRANK.

The people who were out on the street and the people who came to say goodbye recognized that FRANK TEJEDA had a hope from within him that represented a mission, a mission that we should all strive for. If there is one legacy that FRANK TEJEDA would leave, it was one that the people of the 28th Congressional District of Texas had, and that is one of hope, one of admiration to our country and for each one of us that we work together and the hope that we can come together as a country.

So while we say goodbye to FRANK TEJEDA, let us also recognize that what burned so deep in FRANK TEJEDA's heart also is shared by those people in San Antonio and it is that, Mr. Speaker, that I saw that burned so brightly and so deep that caught me and stunned me of the hope that we can all have, not just in San Antonio and not just in Texas but across this great land.

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. LEWIS].

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the dean of the Texas delegation for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, many people have noticed and taken note of the incredible rise and the success story that was the life of Congressman FRANK TEJEDA. I will not recount that incredible story of triumph over adversity. My colleagues from Texas have done that most eloquently. I just want to take a

moment to reflect and to share a story of a trip I took last year to San Antonio. It is a story which I believe lends insight into the kind of man that FRANK TEJEDA was.

I went to Texas on just a few days' notice. In spite of that, FRANK put together a luncheon at which more than 100 leaders of the San Antonio African-American community turned out. An impressive demonstration of organizational skill, I thought to myself.

In the hour or two that I spent with those people from San Antonio, I realized that these people had not turned out to hear from me but to hear and see their Congressman, their friend, their brother, FRANK TEJEDA.

FRANK was not just respected in his community. He was not just liked. What I discovered on my trip to San Antonio was that FRANK was loved by the people in his district. FRANK was what every Member of Congress wants to be: He was a true representative of the people. FRANK understood his community because he was a part of that community. They were always on his mind and in his soul.

Mr. Speaker, we will all miss FRANK TEJEDA. In a time when people toot their own horns, especially here in Washington, he was quiet. He was a quiet man, a sincere man, a reflective and thoughtful man.

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Mr. Speaker, I will miss FRANK, the House will miss FRANK, and the Nation will miss FRANK. There are not enough people like FRANK TEJEDA. God bless him and his family.

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from California [Mr. TORRES].

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to join with the Texas delegation and my other colleagues in honoring FRANK TEJEDA for his years of service and dedication to our Nation.

As we have heard, FRANK TEJEDA lived a life of hard work. He worked hard for his constituents of Texas. He worked hard as a member of the Marines. He worked hard in school. His accomplishments indeed include a law degree from UC-Berkeley and two more postgraduate degrees from Yale and Harvard.

Indeed this is commendable for a young man who early in life left school, disenchanted with some of the problems that had beset him as a young man. Some of his counselors, as I have read the record, called him just a trouble-making Mexican. Well, FRANK proved them wrong.

I had the privilege to serve with FRANK and understand him. He was not driven to prove to others that he could do something. He was driven by his own desire to do something. Whether it was bringing technology into the rural areas of his district or providing urban San Antonio with new community development opportunities, FRANK made it happen. I remember how he helped a

small coalition of businesses in San Antonio. Its executive director, Sam Gorena, sought assistance in reviving the local economy and attracting new businesses. FRANK helped and we helped along with him in building that new economic blood for that community.

We, the colleagues of FRANK TEJEDA in the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, have lost one of our strongest representatives to our Nation's military and a leader to be sure, a leader in thoughtful debate, a leader here in the House. We, the colleagues of FRANK TEJEDA in Congress, were lucky to have served with him. He will live forever in our memories for his strength and his integrity. We as Americans owe FRANK a debt of eternal gratitude.

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, my colleagues, it is sad to admit it, but we live in a time of few heroes. Last week, we lost a modern-day hero who only months ago walked among us on this floor. Congressman FRANK TEJEDA has left us, but his spirit remains.

What an honor and privilege it was to serve with this great Latino. Mr. Speaker, a hero sacrifices selflessly and gives his whole being to causes bigger than himself. FRANK TEJEDA demonstrated this not only as a United States marine in the jungles of Vietnam but also in public life back home.

As a State legislator and as a Congressman, he fought the hard fights. He relentlessly protected the poor Mexican-American people of his Texas district. Here in Washington, he spoke out against assaults on immigrants, women, and children.

He was also a true champion of all veterans and never forgot his fellow men and women in uniform. FRANK TEJEDA was truly a powerful ally for all of us in the Congressional Hispanic Caucus.

Out of the tough barrios of San Antonio, TX, FRANK TEJEDA was conditioned to survive—to beat the odds—to overcome any barriers. When I think about FRANK TEJEDA, what sticks out the most is what a fighter he was in all that he did.

He battled off his tragic illness for over a year. Even in his final days, he insisted on being sworn in on his sickbed to fulfill the wishes of the 73-percent strong who elected him to his third term.

The Congress and the Nation mourn FRANK TEJEDA because he left us way too soon. However, we also celebrate his inspiring memory and peaceful strength. You were an example and a hero to this country. Thank you, FRANK, and may your goodness and justice guide us all.

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, the House has lost a courageous Member of this body, and I have lost a good friend.

FRANK TEJEDA only served in the House for 4 years, but he nevertheless had a profound impact on those of us who knew him and worked with him. He had a deep commitment to helping people who traditionally have been left out of the mainstream of society. He wanted to reach out and ensure that the disadvantaged had an opportunity to fully participate in American life, that no institution, whether it be government, education, or business, would be closed to them.

FRANK was also committed to ensuring that America had a strong national defense. As a

former marine, FRANK understood the value of freedom, and knew well the terrible cost of maintaining our cherished liberties. He worked tirelessly within the National Security Committee to see that the men and women serving in our Armed Forces had the resources necessary in today's world to protect our freedoms.

FRANK had fought hard for his constituents, for the people of Texas, and for all Americans. More recently, he battled valiantly against a disease that ultimately took his life. He never gave up.

He will be missed.

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to mark the passing of our colleague, the gentleman from Texas, FRANK TEJEDA.

Congressman TEJEDA's spirit, his patriotism, his sense of duty, and his service to the Nation and his fellow veterans set an example for all Americans, particularly the youth of San Antonio. The House of Representatives, certainly, is poorer for his loss.

I wish to extend my sympathies to his family and friends.

Que Dios lo tenga en su Gloria.

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, on June 7, 1945, Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., while eulogizing our American World War II dead, reminded our grieving Nation: "It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather we should thank God that such men lived." General Patton's words should support and sustain us today as we remember our colleague, FRANK TEJEDA. Rather than mourning FRANK's too-early death, let us thank God for his life—let us thank God we had the opportunity, and the privilege, to know and work with this extraordinary man.

FRANK was a favorite in this House. A genuinely friendly, decent, kind, and quiet man, his participation in a hearing or meeting guaranteed civility and tolerance. When he spoke, others leaned in so they could hear his words. I firmly believe that FRANK's notable courtesy and obvious concern and regard for the views of others were the results of a life challenge—as a young man growing up in southside San Antonio—as a highly decorated marine who fought and was wounded in the jungles of Vietnam—as a student at three of our country's most highly respected centers of learning and intellectual challenge—the University of California at Berkeley, Harvard, and Yale.

As a fellow member of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, I know that FRANK's thoughtful, informed comments and constructive participation were highly regarded. He was among the first to sound the alarm regarding Persian Gulf war syndrome. He championed improvements in the Montgomery GI Bill. He fought to ensure that the many veterans in San Antonio were well cared for and that the Audie Murphy VA Hospital in San Antonio provided only the finest health care. I was also privileged to serve with FRANK on the Committee on National Security where his faithful and effective participation demonstrated his commitment to the members of our Armed Forces and a strong national defense.

All of us considered FRANK a good friend and colleague. Our admiration, however, grew into a real sense of awe as we watched him literally wage the battle of his lifetime—a fight he carried on with enormous courage and dignity. None of us will ever forget the Honorable FRANK TEJEDA—or the special grace with which he lived his life.

Our deepest sympathy goes to FRANK's beloved family, his loyal and devoted staff, and the residents of the 28th Congressional District of Texas, whom FRANK represented so ably and with great diligence. Please know that we in this House are anxious to help in any way possible during the coming difficult months. Let us all thank God for the life of FRANK TEJEDA.

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sundry messages in writing from the President of the United States were communicated to the House by Mr. Sherman Williams, one of his secretaries.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE HONORABLE FRANK TEJEDA

The SPEAKER pro tempore Mr. GOODLATTE. Pursuant to the order of the House of Tuesday, January 7, 1997, authorizing the Speaker and the minority leader to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House, the Speaker on Monday, February 3, 1997, appointed the following Members to attend the funeral of the late Honorable FRANK TEJEDA:

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas; Mr. ARMEY of Texas; Mr. GEPHARDT of Missouri; Mr. DELAY of Texas; Mr. BONIOR of Michigan; Mr. FAZIO of California; Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut; Mr. ARCHER of Texas; Mr. FROST of Texas; Mr. STENHOLM of Texas; Mr. HALL of Texas; Mr. ORTIZ of Texas; Mr. BARTON of Texas; Mr. COMBEST of Texas; Mr. SMITH of Texas; Mr. EDWARDS of Texas; Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas; Mr. BONILLA of Texas; Mr. GREEN of Texas; Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas; Mr. BENTSEN of Texas; Mr. DOGGETT of Texas; Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas; Mr. THORNBERRY of Texas; Mr. PAUL of Texas; Mr. BRADY of Texas; Ms. GRANGER of Texas; Mr. HINOJOSA of Texas; Mr. LAMPSON of Texas; Mr. REYES of Texas; Mr. SANDLIN of Texas; Mr. SESSIONS of Texas; Mr. TURNER of Texas; Mr. MARTINEZ of California; Mr. KLECZKA of Wisconsin; Mr. BECERRA of California; Mr. BISHOP of Georgia; Mr. DIAZ-BALART of Florida; Mr. MCHALE of Pennsylvania; Mr. MENENDEZ of New Jersey; Ms. VELÁZQUEZ of New York; Mr. JACKSON of Illinois; Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO of Puerto Rico; and Mr. UNDERWOOD of Guam.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members

may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H. Res. 35.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 2

Mr. THUNE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of House Joint Resolution 2.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from South Dakota?

There was no objection.

PERMISSION FOR SPEAKER TO ENTERTAIN MOTION TO SUSPEND RULES ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1997

Mr. THUNE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it may be in order on Wednesday, February 5, 1997, for the Speaker to entertain a motion to suspend the rules and pass a bill or resolution relating to the late Honorable FRANK TEJEDA of Texas.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from South Dakota?

There was no objection.

EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT ON FISHERIES BETWEEN ESTONIA AND THE UNITED STATES—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 105-39)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Resources and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), I transmit herewith an Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Estonia Extending the Agreement of June 1, 1992, Concerning Fisheries Off the Coasts of the United States, with annex, as extended ("the 1992 Agreement"). The Agreement, which was effected by an exchange of notes at Tallinn on June 3 and 28, 1996, extends the 1992 Agreement to June 30, 1998.

In light of the importance of our fisheries relationship with the Republic of Estonia, I urge that the Congress give favorable consideration to this Agreement at an early date.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, February 4, 1997.

EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT ON FISHERIES BETWEEN LITHUANIA AND THE UNITED STATES—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 105-40)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Resources and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), I transmit herewith an Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Lithuania Extending the Agreement of November 12, 1992, Concerning Fisheries Off the Coasts of the United States, with annex, as extended ("the 1992 Agreement"). The Agreement, which was effected by an exchange of notes at Vilnius on June 5 and October 15, 1996, extends the 1992 Agreement to December 31, 1998.

In light of the importance of our fisheries relationship with the Republic of Lithuania, I urge that the Congress give favorable consideration to this Agreement at an early date.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, February 4, 1997.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair desires to make an announcement.

After consultation with the majority and minority leaders, and with their consent and approval, the Chair announces that tonight when the two Houses meet in joint session to hear an address by the President of the United States, only the doors immediately opposite the Speaker and those on his left and right will be open.

No one will be allowed on the floor of the House who does not have the privilege of the floor of the House.

Due to the large attendance which is anticipated, the Chair feels that the rule regarding the privilege of the floor must be strictly adhered to.

Children of Members will not be permitted on the floor, and the cooperation of all Members is requested.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will now recognize Members for special orders until 6 p.m., at which time the Chair will declare the House in recess.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, and under a previous order