

not gone and in making a sustained effort to make sure the world is better and leaving no one out and leaving no one behind.

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of this resolution expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives on the tragic death of Diana, Princess of Wales.

The Princess was someone with whom we all were not only familiar, but held in deep admiration. Her position of royalty brought her into our lives, but her work on behalf of the less fortunate brought her into our hearts.

Princess Diana has been an inspiration to me in one area in particular: her crusade on behalf of the innocent victims of antipersonnel landmines. Her efforts to eliminate landmines brought the issue global prominence.

This year the United States has the opportunity to join over 100 nations around the globe in signing an international treaty to ban landmines. That treaty is being negotiated in Oslo, Norway as we speak.

Next week, Congressman EVANS and I will introduce legislation that commits the United States to a ban on landmines. Our bipartisan legislation already has the backing of the Catholic Church's Conference of Bishops, the Vietnam Veterans Foundation, and numerous retired generals, including Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf.

Mr. Speaker, there is no stronger proponent of the U.S. military and its personnel in the U.S. House of Representatives than myself. The United States has the most sophisticated military in the world. Princess Diana was right, we do not need these weapons.

I urge my colleagues in the House of Representatives and in the Senate to pick up where Princess Diana left off and join the effort to ban landmines now by supporting the Evans/Quinn bill when it is introduced next week. Let's give a fitting remembrance to Diana by completing the work in which she believed so passionately.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker and my colleagues, it is with heavy heart that I rise this evening to pay tribute to a woman who touched the lives of people throughout the world—Diana, Princess of Wales. Her tragic death last weekend left all of us in shock at the sudden and incomprehensible loss of a woman in the prime of her life.

Although she lived the life of a fairy tale princess, she somehow seemed as real as our next-door neighbor. Rich and poor, black and white, young and old, sick and healthy, Diana opened her heart to one and all and in doing so, made herself a part of all of our lives.

She persevered through difficulties endured by so many women—including divorce and single motherhood—and did it all under the ever-critical eye of the press.

It would have been so easy for her to live a quiet life behind the palace walls and out of the public's eye. But Diana was determined to make life better for those not so lucky. She wanted to make a difference in people's lives—and she did. The tremendous outpouring of grief, both in Britain and here in the United States, shows how successful she was in her work.

Diana dedicated herself to helping those who might otherwise have been forgotten. On one of her visits to Washington, she visited Grandma's House, a home for children stricken with AIDS—long before most public figures ever had. She scooped one 3-year-old into her

arms for a hug, and happily filled the child's wish by giving her a ride around the block in her Rolls-Royce.

Most recently, Diana had given herself wholeheartedly to a cause that many of us here also feel deeply about—the campaign to rid the world of anti-personnel landmines. Because of Diana, millions of people learned that anti-personnel landmines claim over 25,000 innocent victims every year. Now I hope we will carry on her work by committing to rid the world of these deadly weapons that threaten the lives of men, women and children all over the world.

There will never be another public figure like Diana. But Diana's greatest triumph was being a mom. And her spirit will live on in her sons, the Princes William and Harry. Diana brought her sons along with her, outside of the palace walls, to experience life in the real world. She brought them to meet homeless people and AIDS patients. I am sure that the Princes will grow up to exemplify the values by which Diana led her life, and in the end that may be Diana's most enduring legacy.

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support this resolution and to express my deep sorrow over the tragic death of Diana, Princess of Wales, a special humanitarian who improved the lives of people throughout the world. Her devotion to others less fortunate, and her willingness to embrace them, hold them, and comfort them, should forever serve as a reminder to all public servants of their responsibility to care for those who are unable to help themselves.

The outpouring of grief from all corners of the globe during vigils such as those held in my district reaffirm that she is the people's princess. Through her energy and dedication she inspired worldwide efforts to solve problems such as AIDS, homelessness, leprosy, and the indiscriminate devastation caused by land mines. She had a genuine understanding of the struggles which the people have with daily life, and did not hesitate to demonstrate her empathy for those suffering by discussing her own personal battles.

Princess Diana did not use her position for personal gain; she used her celebrity to bring attention to the plight of those whom the world might otherwise ignore. The ability to bring attention to the charities and causes she supported and her devotion to them was one of the reasons that she continued to operate even under the challenging conditions that apparently contributed to her death. We must take this opportunity to reflect on her gracious and giving spirit and hope that we can somehow learn from this tragedy and carry on her efforts to bring attention to the plight of the poor and bring relief to those in need of assistance. Her overriding concern for the condition of others and her dedication to the causes she committed herself to are the greatest examples of what public service should be, giving back to one's community, and thus leaving the world a better place.

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to add my voice to those supporting this condolence resolution. I held a special order in May to raise awareness on the dangers of driving while intoxicated. I told my colleagues that "drunk driving knows no social or economic boundaries."

Never could I have imagined how prophetic that statement would be.

It will probably be impossible to pinpoint why Princess Diana died, however, one point

can be raised without dispute. We have all borne witness that drunk driving kills—and it played a significant role in the death of Princess Diana.

Last Saturday's tragedy proved once again that the rise in drunk driving fatalities is about more than statistics. It's about people. It's about broken families. It's about destroyed lives and lost love. It's about two young princes, one a future king, who are now without a mother.

That's why people like Tom Carey and the members of Remove Intoxicated Drivers [RID] play such an important role in combating what can truly be called a scourge on our society. RID will be holding a vigil for Princess Diana on Friday in my congressional district.

I commend their work and hope that if anything good can come from this terrible tragedy—if any lesson can be learned—it is that we must all think twice before taking a drink and then getting behind the wheel. We owe it to Princess Diana, and all those who have been killed or maimed by drunk drivers, to heed this simple yet powerful lesson.

I support this resolution and want to personally express my deepest sympathies to Princess Diana's family, the British people and their government.

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DICKEY). Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the resolution.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNUAL REPORT OF FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS AUTHORITY, FISCAL YEAR 1996—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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 Government Reform and Oversight:

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with section 701 of the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-454; 5 U.S.C. 7104(e)), I am pleased to transmit the Eighteenth Annual Report of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for Fiscal Year 1996.

The report includes information on the cases heard and decisions rendered by the Federal Labor Relations Authority, the General Counsel of the Authority, and the Federal Service Impasses Panel.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON,
THE WHITE HOUSE, September 4, 1997.

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF U.S. GOVERNMENT IN UNITED NATIONS AND AFFILIATED AGENCIES DURING 1996—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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 International Relations:

To the Congress of the United States:

I am pleased to transmit herewith a report of the activities of the United States Government in the United Nations and its affiliated agencies during calendar year 1996. The report is required by the United Nations Participation Act (Public Law 264, 79th Congress; 22 U.S.C. 287b).

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, September 4, 1997.

TRIBUTE TO HENRY B. GONZALEZ

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to acknowledge a true distinguished gentleman of this body, a proud Texan and a great American. Chairman HENRY B. GONZALEZ has decided today to step down from the U.S. Congress.

It is my honor to have been able to serve with him for the time period that allowed me to understand the true value of a human being who cared about this Nation. HENRY B. GONZALEZ served in public life for 44 years, 36 of those in this body.

Mr. Speaker, I am reminded, as he stood alongside the President who was a President for all people, President John F. Kennedy, as the President, not then the President, made it known that he wanted to serve this Nation. HENRY B. GONZALEZ was one of the few in the State of Texas who took up the challenge and courageously stood by his side and stood for what was right. He proceeded to carry that torch in the U.S. Congress.

It was for those who could not speak, those who could not advocate, those who could not cry out and be heard for themselves that HENRY B. GONZALEZ stood for. He fought for public housing, he fought for equity in education.

This is a man who truly is a distinguished gentleman, one whom we will love and admire forever and ever.

HENRY B., we love you, and we know that you will continue to serve, whether you are in this body. But we thank you for your great leadership. You are a proud Texan and a great American.

Mr. Speaker, I stand before you, the people of Texas and San Antonio in awe of the announcement that Congressman HENRY B. GONZALEZ of the 20th Congressional District who has nobly served his constituents and our great Nation for 36 years in the House of Representatives is leaving us at the end of this session.

First elected in 1961, HENRY B. as he is affectionately known, made his mark as chairman of the Banking Committee for 6 years. The Savings & Loan Industry was reorganized and revitalized during his tenure. He certainly was a man of strength during an hour of crisis

for our Savings & Loan Industry. Their bailout is a result of his leadership.

Congressman GONZALEZ worked tirelessly for the residents of Public Housing and the National Housing Trust is a testament to his leadership in Public Housing. There are millions of Americans today who are able to find affordable housing because of this great man.

In a time of conformity, Congressman GONZALEZ is his own person. He stood up unflinchingly for what he believed in no matter who opposed him. A champion of civil rights, a man of the people, a true man of honor—we will miss this fine gentleman, we will miss his spirit of service with a true sense of honor.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHADEGG). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Guam [Mr. UNDERWOOD] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. UNDERWOOD addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

SPOTLIGHT ON TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. HULSHOF] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. HULSHOF. Mr. Speaker, as our Nation's youth head back to school, our attention is obviously focused on education. I would like to focus the national spotlight on one university in Missouri's Ninth Congressional District.

Mr. Speaker, I have the distinct honor of representing 16 colleges and universities. Each of these institutions of higher learning in central and north-eastern Missouri deserves accolades. Tonight, however, I am happy to single out and congratulate one of those exceptional universities, Truman State, nestled in the heart of Kirksville, MO. Truman State University has received numerous awards in recent college rankings. According to the September 1 issue of U.S. News & World Report, Truman State is the top public university in the entire Midwest. In addition, Mr. Speaker, for the fifth consecutive year, Truman State University is ranked among Money magazine's top 10 best college buys in the country. Frank Lalli, the managing editor for Money magazine says, "There is always this myth in America that only a name college, only a Harvard, only a Yale provides a great education. It's just not true."

Ranking 8th in the entire Nation, Truman State University consistently reaffirms its reputation as an excellent and affordable liberal arts university. Truman is the only Missouri public institution to make Money's top 100 list.

Truman also was ranked as the best value in the Midwest. Money magazine based its selection on graduation rates, social climates, as well as student accessibility to professors. With a student-faculty ratio of 16 to 1, Truman State students can develop close relationships with their professors.

I have had the opportunity, Mr. Speaker, to meet many students and professors who personally validate these recent rankings. John BURNS, a Truman State junior, joined my Washington, DC, staff for part of the summer and did exceptional work. But perhaps no one exemplifies the spirit of this great institution better than my good friend, Jack Magruder. As President, Dr. Magruder is a tireless ambassador for Truman State. When looking for someone responsible for Truman State University's ascendance to the top of the Nation's colleges, the buck stops at Jack's door.

Mr. Speaker, we in Missouri's Ninth Congressional District are extremely proud that one of our institutions of higher learning is considered among the Nation's elite. The administration, the faculty and the student body at Truman State University deserve kudos for their hard work, their dedication to excellence and their commitment to a superior liberal arts education.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas [Mr. GREEN] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. GREEN addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. MCINTOSH] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. MCINTOSH addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. PORTER] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. PORTER addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida [Mr. GOSS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. GOSS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California [Mr. HUNTER] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. HUNTER addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]