

and grabs our hearts. In a world where we must be strong, our frail humanity is awakened when something beyond our control happens. The damage that has occurred in Littleton, CO, has touched every American family, and the healing process is only beginning.

Columbine High School will never quite be the same. Schools across the Nation are even at this moment figuring out how they can prevent something as horrible as this from happening to them. There is no way to heal the pain felt by the parents who have lost their children, and in our democratic society, there is not way for us to assure our students they will be completely safe at school. The tragedy of the situation is that there is no perfect answer. The innocence lost by our children can never be regained, and we can only place them in God's hands as we send them out into the world. My prayers go out to the community in Littleton, that God would grant them strength and peace in the midst of such an unfathomable nightmare.

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise in support of this resolution that we are considering today. A senseless and horrific tragedy has stunned the nation, shocked a community, and devastated countless families. The name Columbine High School will be forever remembered in tragedy. In horror, we watched the events of last Tuesday and even now we are in disbelief as we have learned of the magnitude of the devastation caused by two teenage boys turned violent murderers.

Unfortunately, this is not the first time we have seen children become deadly criminals and turn their violence against other students and their teachers. Jonesboro, Arkansas, Paducah, Kentucky, Norwalk, Connecticut, Pearl, Mississippi, Edinboro, Pennsylvania, and now Littleton, Colorado, are synonymous with violent school tragedy. Schools should be sanctuaries of education and a place of safety for our nation's children.

This resolution condemns in the strongest possible terms, the heinous atrocities which occurred; offers condolences to the families, friends and loved ones of those who were killed; expresses hope for the rapid and complete recovery of those wounded; and applauds the hard work and dedication exhibited by the hundreds of local, State and Federal law enforcement officials and others who offered their support. But, it is with hope that we ask, through this resolution, for a national dialogue to understand this tragedy and stop school violence from ever occurring again.

As a parent, an educator, and a Congressman, I can only imagine the pain and suffering of the families and my heart and prayers go out to them. It is my hope that we will find answers to preventing these heinous and senseless actions so that no other community must face the nightmare of Littleton.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I have the honor of representing the citizens of the Third District of North Carolina. Like all Americans, my constituents back home offer their prayers for those that lost friends and loved ones in last week's tragedy at Columbine High School.

Mr. Speaker, in the past year and a half, at least 29 people have been killed as a result of school violence.

Just last week, 15 lives came to an abrupt end in an environment that is meant to foster learning and development.

Each time our nation experiences such a tragedy we ask ourselves why.

Some blame violence in the media, music, the Internet, children's access to guns, parental neglect, but the truth is, it is all of this and more.

Mr. Speaker, the answer lies with each one of us.

In today's culture, when children are no longer shocked by violence and have easy access to technology, we must call on the parents, educators, and students to work together to prevent another senseless tragedy.

If we can foster interaction between parents, teachers, and students—to recognize potential problems—we have a greater chance of keeping our schools safe.

It will take work and cooperation, but when we look at the lives cut short at Columbine High School, I think we can all agree it is worth the extra effort.

Mr. Speaker, today, my thoughts and prayers are with the community of Littleton, Colorado, as they begin their healing process.

As a tribute to the family and friends who lost loved ones, let us turn this tragedy into an opportunity.

I ask all Americans to take a greater interest and responsibility in the education of our children.

Help us work together so that our nation's students can once again look to school as a haven for learning.

God Bless the community of Littleton during this difficult time and God Bless America.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, "It's kind of sad that it's not surprising anymore."

Mr. Speaker, these are the words of a high school sophomore at Irving High School in my district. She was speaking about the brutal and horrific rampage where two high school youngsters armed themselves and began a violent killing spree at Columbine High School in Littleton, CO. When their campaign of terror finally ended, 16 students and teachers were dead. In addition, some 20 other students were wounded.

Mr. Speaker, not only did I find myself naturally shocked by this incident, I was even more shocked by the aforementioned response to it by this high school student. Indeed, violence has so penetrated the lives of our youth that the shock value over events like those in Littleton, CO, has worn off. Between ethnic cleansing in Kosovo and young gunmen targeting minorities and athletes at Columbine High School, we certainly find ourselves in an environment where violence is expected, is the norm, and is not surprising anymore.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask this mourning Nation to be more attentive to the thoughts and words of our young people. We must come together and address this deadly mix of violence and racism. If we do not, then our young people will become more jaded, disenchanted, and numb over the loss of life. If we do not address the root causes of hate, then violence will rule the day and cease to be surprising anymore.

Unfortunately, we have been lacking in our commitment, zeal, and work to combat hate and violence. That is why I understand the words of this high school student and others throughout the country that look at this loss of life through such a bleak prism. I certainly cannot blame them. Although the madness perpetrated by the assailants was

unexplainable, the hate that motivated them was not.

Mr. Speaker, what must be explained to our youth is that we will make a concerted effort to understand them, teach them better ways to resolve their problems, and present more opportunities before them while removing guns from their lives.

Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in the House of Representatives, my constituents of the 30th Congressional District of Texas and the entire Nation in sending my prayers and thoughts to the families and friends of those people taken away from them in this tragedy.

Mr. Speaker, I also pray for other young people who may feel shunned by society and filled with misunderstanding, hate, and a feeling of being losers. I pray that we can all instill in these youngsters a better sense of self-esteem and purpose. The two students who gunned down their classmates before killing themselves at Columbine High School felt that they were losers. It was that feeling of being losers that motivated them to create such a loss.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, the recent events at Columbine High School in Littleton, CO, marks another sad chapter in the many recent tragedies that have occurred far too frequently in our nation's schools.

Too often today, we hear of acts of violence perpetrated in our schools by troubled youths. Equally too often, the reasons behind these acts eludes us, leaving parents, teachers and fellow students to search for the reasons.

The Columbine High School tragedy is a stark reminder we need to do all that we can in an endeavor to understand the motivations behind such acts in an effort to prevent future tragedies. We must also encourage parents and teachers to reach out to children whom they feel may be troubled to provide the help that they need.

While we may never know the true motivations behind the actions of Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, we must do all that we can to ensure the safety of our schools so that teachers and students can attend class without fear.

I invite my colleagues to join in offering our condolences to the families, friends, and loved ones of those who were killed at Columbine High School and expressing hope for the rapid and complete recovery of those wounded in the shooting and also in recognizing the hard work and dedication exhibited by local, State and Federal law enforcement officials and others who offered their expert support and assistance to all affected by this tragic incident.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. TANCREDO) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 92.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within

which to revise and extend their remarks on House Concurrent Resolution 92.

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

There was no objection.

SATELLITE COPYRIGHT, COMPETITION, AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT OF 1999

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 1554, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1554, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 422, nays 1, answered “present” 1, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 97]

YEAS—422

Abercrombie	Chabot	Foley
Ackerman	Chambliss	Forbes
Allen	Chenoweth	Ford
Andrews	Clay	Fossella
Archer	Clayton	Fowler
Army	Clement	Frank (MA)
Bachus	Coble	Franks (NJ)
Baird	Coburn	Frelinghuysen
Baker	Collins	Frost
Baldacci	Combest	Gallegly
Baldwin	Condit	Ganske
Ballenger	Conyers	Gejdenson
Barcia	Cook	Gekas
Barr	Cooksey	Gephardt
Barrett (NE)	Costello	Gibbons
Barrett (WI)	Cox	Gilchrest
Bartlett	Coyne	Gillmor
Barton	Cramer	Gilman
Bass	Crane	Gonzalez
Bateman	Crowley	Goode
Becerra	Cubin	Goodlatte
Bentsen	Cummings	Goodling
Bereuter	Cunningham	Gordon
Berkley	Danner	Goss
Berman	Davis (FL)	Graham
Berry	Davis (IL)	Granger
Biggert	Davis (VA)	Green (TX)
Bilbray	Deal	Green (WI)
Bilirakis	DeFazio	Greenwood
Bishop	DeGette	Gutierrez
Blagojevich	Delahunt	Gutknecht
Bliley	DeLauro	Hall (OH)
Blumenauer	DeLay	Hall (TX)
Blunt	DeMint	Hansen
Boehlert	Deutsch	Hastings (FL)
Boehner	Diaz-Balart	Hastings (WA)
Bonilla	Dickey	Hayes
Bonior	Dicks	Hayworth
Bono	Dingell	Hefley
Borski	Dixon	Herger
Boswell	Doggett	Hill (IN)
Boucher	Dooley	Hill (MT)
Boyd	Doolittle	Hilleary
Brady (TX)	Doyle	Hilliard
Brown (FL)	Dreier	Hinche
Brown (OH)	Duncan	Hinojosa
Bryant	Dunn	Hobson
Burr	Edwards	Hoeffel
Burton	Ehlers	Hoekstra
Buyer	Ehrlich	Holden
Callahan	Emerson	Holt
Calvert	English	Hooley
Camp	Eshoo	Horn
Campbell	Etheridge	Hostettler
Canady	Evans	Houghton
Cannon	Everett	Hoyer
Capps	Ewing	Hulshof
Capuano	Farr	Hunter
Cardin	Fattah	Hutchinson
Carson	Filner	Hyde
Castle	Fletcher	Inslee

Isakson	Miller, Gary	Sessions
Istook	Miller, George	Shadegg
Jackson (IL)	Minge	Shaw
Jackson-Lee	Mink	Shays
(TX)	Moakley	Sherman
Jefferson	Mollohan	Sherwood
Jenkins	Moore	Shimkus
John	Moran (KS)	Shows
Johnson (CT)	Morella	Shuster
Johnson, E. B.	Murtha	Simpson
Johnson, Sam	Myrick	Sisisky
Jones (NC)	Nadler	Skeen
Jones (OH)	Napolitano	Skelton
Kanjorski	Neal	Smith (MI)
Kaptur	Nethercutt	Smith (NJ)
Kasich	Ney	Smith (TX)
Kelly	Northup	Smith (WA)
Kennedy	Norwood	Snyder
Kildee	Nussle	Souder
Kilpatrick	Oberstar	Spence
Kind (WI)	Obey	Spratt
King (NY)	Oliver	Stabenow
Kingston	Ortiz	Stark
Klecza	Ose	Stearns
Klink	Owens	Stenholm
Knollenberg	Oxley	Strickland
Kolbe	Packard	Stump
Kucinich	Pallone	Stupak
Kuykendall	Pascarell	Sununu
LaFalce	Pastor	Sweeney
LaHood	Payne	Talent
Lampson	Pease	Tancredo
Lantos	Pelosi	Tanner
Largent	Peterson (MN)	Tauscher
Larson	Peterson (PA)	Tauzin
Latham	Petri	Taylor (MS)
LaTourette	Phelps	Taylor (NC)
Lazio	Pickering	Terry
Leach	Pickett	Thomas
Lee	Pitts	Thompson (CA)
Levin	Pombo	Thompson (MS)
Lewis (CA)	Pomeroy	Thornberry
Lewis (GA)	Porter	Thune
Lewis (KY)	Portman	Thurman
Linder	Price (NC)	Tiahrt
Lipinski	Quinn	Tierney
LoBiondo	Radanovich	Toomey
Lofgren	Rahall	Towns
Lowe	Ramstad	Trafficant
Lucas (KY)	Regula	Turner
Lucas (OK)	Reyes	Udall (CO)
Luther	Reynolds	Udall (NM)
Maloney (CT)	Riley	Upton
Maloney (NY)	Rivers	Velazquez
Manzullo	Rodriguez	Vento
Markey	Roemer	Visclosky
Martinez	Rogan	Walden
Mascara	Rogers	Walsh
Matsui	Rohrabacher	Wamp
McCarthy (MO)	Ros-Lehtinen	Waters
McCarthy (NY)	Rothman	Watkins
McCollum	Roukema	Watt (NC)
McCrery	Roybal-Allard	Watts (OK)
McDermott	Royce	Waxman
McGovern	Rush	Weiner
McHugh	Ryan (WI)	Weldon (FL)
McInnis	Ryun (KS)	Weldon (PA)
McIntosh	Sabo	Weller
McIntyre	Salmon	Wexler
McKeon	Sanchez	Weygand
McKinney	Sanders	Whitfield
McNulty	Sandlin	Wick
Meehan	Sanford	Wilson
Meek (FL)	Sawyer	Wise
Meeks (NY)	Saxton	Wolf
Menendez	Scarborough	Woolsey
Metcalf	Schaffer	Wu
Mica	Schakowsky	Young (AK)
Millender-	Scott	Young (FL)
McDonald	Sensenbrenner	
Miller (FL)	Serrano	

NAYS—1

Brady (PA)

ANSWERED “PRESENT”—1

Paul

NOT VOTING—9

Aderholt	Engel	Rangel
Brown (CA)	Moran (VA)	Slaughter
Clyburn	Pryce (OH)	Wynn

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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to present today for rollcall vote No. 97. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1239

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove my name as a cosponsor of H.R. 1239.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MILLER of Florida). Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands?

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 351

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove my name as a cosponsor of H.R. 351.

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

There was no objection.

ORDERING SELECTED RESERVE AND CERTAIN INDIVIDUAL READY RESERVE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES TO ACTIVE DUTY—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 106-51)

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 Armed Services and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

I have today, pursuant to section 12304 of title 10, United States Code, authorized the Secretary of Defense, and the Secretary of Transportation with respect to the Coast Guard, when it is not operating as a service within the Department of the Navy, under their respective jurisdictions, to order to active duty any units, and any individual members not assigned to a unit organized to serve as a unit, of the Selected Reserve, or any member in the Individual Ready Reserve mobilizations category and designated essential under regulations prescribed by the Secretary concerned. These reserves will augment the active components in support of operations in and around the former Yugoslavia related to the conflict in Kosovo.

A copy of the Executive order implementing this action is attached.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, April 27, 1999.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 1999, and under a previous order