

than being redundant, I will not give my entire statement because I believe the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATOURETTE) has described the legislation quite thoroughly.

I would like to add that this was started by Eunice Kennedy Shriver, however, in the mid-1960s as a summer camp for handicapped children; and now this event has grown to involve, as the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATOURETTE) has stated, 2,500 Special Olympians competing in more than a dozen events. So I think it is worthy. I support it.

Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA).

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATOURETTE) for yielding to me this time.

Mr. Speaker, I want to indicate my strong support for the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Special Olympics Torch Run. It is very important and I wholeheartedly support it.

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, I would urge passage of the resolution, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATOURETTE) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 280.

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.

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DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILIES OF DR. GARY POLIS AND MICHAEL ROSE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT DAVIS

(Mr. OSE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. OSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my deepest sympathies to the families of Dr. Gary Polis and Michael Rose. The University of California at Davis community lost two valuable members when these two men were involved in a tragic boating accident in Mexico's Sea of Cortez.

Dr. Polis chaired and taught at UC Davis' Environmental Science and Policy Department. He traveled to Mexico to lead a research expedition with a group of UC Davis students, Japanese visiting scholars, and Earth Watch study tour participants. Michael Rose, postgraduate researcher at the university, was also on that trip. After a routine visit to a nearby island, the boat they were in capsized. Dr. Polis, Mr. Rose, and three advising Japanese scholars drowned.

While we understand that words cannot ease the pain everyone experienced during this tragic time, let us take solace in the fact that these people died doing the work they so loved and so willingly shared with the world. Both Dr. Polis and Michael Rose shared the passion for adventure and learning that epitomizes the spirit of the university. We were blessed by their distinguished academic accomplishments.

Mr. Speaker, please join me and the entire Davis community in offering our deepest heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Polis and Michael Rose. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

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AUTHORIZING USE OF CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR GREATER WASHINGTON SOAP BOX DERBY

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 277) authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. CON. RES. 277

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring).

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION OF SOAP BOX DERBY RACES ON CAPITOL GROUNDS.

The Greater Washington Soap Box Derby Association (in this resolution referred to as the "Association") shall be permitted to sponsor a public event, soap box derby races, on the Capitol Grounds on June 24, 2000, or on such other date as the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate may jointly designate.

SEC. 2. CONDITIONS.

The event to be carried out under this resolution shall be free of admission charge to the public and arranged not to interfere with the needs of Congress, under conditions to be prescribed by the Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police Board; except that the Association shall assume full responsibility for all expenses and liabilities incident to all activities associated with the event.

SEC. 3. STRUCTURES AND EQUIPMENT.

For the purposes of this resolution, the Association is authorized to erect upon the Capitol Grounds, subject to the approval of the Architect of the Capitol, such stage, sound amplification devices, and other related structures and equipment as may be required for the event to be carried out under this resolution.

SEC. 4. ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS.

The Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police Board are authorized to make any such additional arrangements that may be required to carry out the event under this resolution.

SEC. 5. ENFORCEMENT OF RESTRICTIONS.

The Capitol Police Board shall provide for enforcement of the restrictions contained in section 4 of the Act of July 31, 1946 (40 U.S.C. 193d; 60 Stat. 718), concerning sales, displays, and solicitations on the Capitol Grounds, as well as other restrictions applicable to the Capitol Grounds, with respect to the event to be carried out under this resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATOURETTE) and the gen-

tleman from Ohio (Mr. TRAFICANT) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATOURETTE).

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

Mr. Speaker, House Concurrent Resolution 277, as amended, authorizes the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby qualifying races to be held on June 24, 2000, or on such date as the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration jointly designate. The resolution also authorizes the Architect of the Capitol, the Capitol Police Board, and the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby Association, which is the sponsor of the event, to negotiate the necessary arrangements for carrying out the event in complete compliance with the rules and regulations governing the use of the Capitol Grounds.

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The event is open to the public and free of charge, and the sponsor will assume responsibility for all experiences and liabilities related to the event. In addition, sales, advertisements, and solicitations are explicitly prohibited on the Capitol Grounds in this event.

The races are going to take place on Constitution Avenue between Delaware Avenue and Third Street, N.W. The participants are residents of the Washington Metropolitan area and range in age from 9 to 16. This event is currently one of the largest races in the country, and the winners of these races will represent the Washington metropolitan area in the national finals to be held in Akron, Ohio.

I support this resolution. I urge my colleagues' support.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I want to commend the gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA), as well as the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. WYNN), the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. DAVIS), the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. MORAN), and the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON), and certainly the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), the sponsor, for working together. Certainly there is some bipartisanship on this committee for sure.

But I want to take a couple minutes to filibuster, hopefully, so that the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), who would like to speak, might make it here. But if he does not, then he can speak on the next one.

So taking that minute, I would like to thank Mr. Rick Barnett and Ms. Susan Brita of the staff. They probably do more work in the Congress than any other committee. This little subcommittee passes more legislation

than anybody. They laugh when I say that, but there is an awful lot of work attached to it.

But I would like to talk about the efforts of the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER). For years, he has taken this upon himself to make sure that that soap box derby is conducted, and he does it with a passion. As my colleagues can see, the gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA), she was right there, and there are other Members probably who want to speak on it, too.

But I want to just say that the heavy hitter has come in, and I want to personally pay him that respect, because he has made it a personal issue. Everybody joins together with him.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA).

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Ohio for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, I wholeheartedly support this resolution. I am delighted to join the sponsors of this resolution, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. WYNN), the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. MORAN), the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. DAVIS), and the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON), in supporting House Concurrent Resolution 277; and that, as we have heard, allows for participants in the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby to use the Capitol grounds and race along Constitution Avenue on June 24.

For the past 8 years, I have cosponsored this resolution, and it has gotten the almost unanimous support of this House, along with the rest of the Greater Washington Metropolitan Delegation, to promote this annual community service, which is now in its 63rd year of running.

From 1992 to 1999, the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby has been considered one of the largest races in the Nation, averaging over 40 contestants each year.

This year, the first Greater Washington Soap Box Derby of the new millennium expects to top previous enrollment numbers with 50 cars. Participants in the derby, ranging from ages from 9 to 16, live in communities in the great State of Maryland, the District of Columbia, and Virginia. The winners of the local events in June will have the honor of representing the Washington metropolitan area at the National Derby Race in Akron, Ohio on July 22.

The derby truly is a community event, with scores of children, parents, and volunteers working tirelessly to construct and operate the soap boxes. The region's youth have the opportunity to learn the lessons of teamwork, competition, and sportsman and sportswomanship, as well as the phys-

ics and mechanics that are involved in building an aerodynamically-shaped soap box car.

I also want to applaud one of my constituents, George Weissgerber of Rockville, Maryland, for his work this year as the derby director. I invite the Members of the House to, not only support this resolution today, but also to attend the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby on June 24.

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

Mr. Speaker, let me say this before I introduce my only speaker, from what I understand, there are many volunteers involved in this derby that give of their time, and time is money. I think the entire delegation has worked to really bring in those types of volunteers. I think that is where they deserve a lot of credit.

I thank the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) for his efforts for all of the young people who are involved in this.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he consume to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER).

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, timing is important, and I had the opportunity to come into the room just as the distinguished gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TRAFICANT) was talking about my efforts on this matter.

But I would like to mention as well one additional person who sits to the chairman's right, or to the ranking member's right, chairman-in-exile, as I call him, Susan Brita, who has been an extraordinary asset to the House and, frankly, to the committee, the full Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for an awful lot of years.

She probably knows as much about these matters, about construction matters and the General Services Administration and so many other matters related to our infrastructure as any staffer on this Hill. I want to thank her for all the efforts she has made. I thank the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TRAFICANT), the ranking member, too, for working very closely with her so he does not make mistakes. It is always a good judgment that all of us make to have good staff.

Also, I want to thank the chairman, who is not in exile, but who is on the job, for his efforts and my colleague from Montgomery County, Mrs. MORELLA, for rising in support of this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, we have obviously, as the House of Representatives, responsibility for this hallowed Hill, this center of democracy in the world. It is, I think, extraordinarily appropriate that, for the last few number of years, we have made available a part of this Hill over which we have authority for an enterprise that has literally taught thousands and thousands of young people, entrepreneurial spirit, competitive spirit, family working together, because, although those young people are responsible for building their carts,

they do get some advice from and counsel from dad and mom and brothers and sisters from time to time, I know.

But this is truly an American enterprise. The Soap Box Derby is something that I think all of us have known about for almost all of our lives. It is an enterprise that takes the contributions of American business, of American volunteers, and certainly of the young people and their families.

This will be the 63rd running of the greater Washington Soap Box Derby, and it will take place as my colleagues have heard, Mr. Speaker, on June 24 of this year.

This resolution authorizes the Architect of the Capitol, as is necessary, as I have said, as well as the Capitol Police Board and the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby Association to negotiate the necessary arrangements for carrying out the running.

That obviously will not be, I think, a difficult job, although the concerns of the Capitol Police and the Architect must be met and, in fact, are met. In the past, the full House has supported this resolution, of course, unanimously.

But I do want to thank all of those in the Washington metropolitan area. This is not a partisan issue, obviously. The gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA) who has spoken, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. WYNN), the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. MORAN), the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. DAVIS), the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON), the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WOLF), and others spoke supporting this resolution.

From 1992 to 1999, the greater Washington Soap Box Derby welcomed over 40 contestants per year which made the Washington, D.C. race one of the largest in the country. Participants, as my colleagues have been told, I am sure, range from approximately 9 years of age to 16 years of age and come from communities in Maryland, the District of Columbia, and Virginia.

The winners of this local event will represent the Washington metropolitan area in the national race which will be held, as it has been through history, in Akron, Ohio on July 22 of this year.

The derby provides our young people with an opportunity to gain valuable skills, not only in those that I mentioned, but in practical skills of engineering, aerodynamics, and other skills necessary to make that go-cart go faster than any other go-cart down that hill. Of course this is a beautiful Hill, Capitol Hill, to use as they go down on the west side of our Capitol.

Furthermore, the derby promotes teamwork, a sense of accomplishment, sportsmanship, leadership, and responsibilities. These are attributes that we should encourage our young people to carry into adulthood. That is why this enterprise, like so many others, is critically important.

I, Mr. Speaker, like so many in this Chamber, have the opportunity to be

very much involved in the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. They have a national charter from this Congress, and they report to us annually.

Like the Boys and Girls Club, this enterprise gives young people a positive focus and positive way to participate in directing their energy in ways that will result in benefits to themselves and to our community.

Mr. Speaker, I am more than honored to have been involved in this effort and thank all of the corporate sponsors, all of the volunteers, all of the parents, and, yes, certainly all of the young people who participate in this event. It is right that we give them the opportunity to do so on this historic Hill. I rise in strong support of the resolution.

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

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the efforts of the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) and the entire delegation. I urge an "aye" vote.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, as the great chairman of our committee says, there is no such thing as a Republican soap box and no such thing as a Democratic derby. I urge passage of the resolution.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. NETHERCUTT). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATOURETTE) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 277, as amended.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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EXPRESSING SENSE OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN CONTINUED SYMPATHY FOR VICTIMS OF OKLAHOMA CITY BOMBING ON OCCASION OF 5TH ANNIVERSARY OF BOMBING

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 448) expressing the sense of the House of Representatives in continued sympathy for the victims of the Oklahoma City bombing on the occasion of the 5th anniversary of the bombing.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 448

Whereas on April 19, 1995, as the result of an act of terrorism, a bomb exploded in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, collapsing the north face of the 9-story Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building;

Whereas April 19, 2000, marks the 5th anniversary of this tragic event;

Whereas the explosion killed more than 168 people, including 19 children, and injured

more than 700 others in the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building and in and around surrounding buildings;

Whereas the explosion destroyed a childcare facility located in the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, killing 15 children;

Whereas 320 surrounding buildings were impacted from the explosion;

Whereas flying glass and debris from the explosion were a major cause of injury; and

Whereas greater awareness and sensitivity to the safe design and operation of buildings could help make the people who live and work in and around the buildings safer: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes the countless acts of goodwill by the thousands of volunteers (including those who donated goods and services), rescue workers, and Federal, State, and local officials who assisted in the rescue and recovery efforts following the bombing in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on April 19, 1995;

(2) sends continued condolences to the families, friends, and loved ones who still suffer from the consequences of the bombing;

(3) pledges to make Federal buildings safer, while still maintaining a level of openness to the citizens served by the buildings;

(4) pledges to create an awareness of the dangers of flying glass and debris resulting from an act of terrorism, an explosion, or a natural disaster; and

(5) pledges to support efforts to make buildings more secure for people from flying glass and debris and to promote the use of available technology to protect people from such glass and debris.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATOURETTE) and the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TRAFICANT) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATOURETTE).

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

House Resolution 448 expresses the sense of the House of Representatives in continued sympathy for the victims of the Oklahoma City bombing on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of that bombing.

On April 19, 1995, one of the worst acts of terrorism in the United States took place. A bomb exploded in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, collapsing the north face of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. The explosion resulted in the death of 168 people, including 19 children, and injuring more than 700 other people in the area.

This resolution recognizes the countless acts of goodwill, of thousands of volunteers, including those donating goods and services, who aided in rescue and recovery efforts following the bombing. It also sends continued condolences to the family, friends, and loved ones who still suffer from the consequences of that act. It also pledges to make Federal buildings safer while maintaining a level of openness to its citizens.

This resolution also pledges to create an awareness of the dangers of flying glass and debris in the case of such tragedies.

Finally, it pledges to support efforts to make buildings more secure for peo-

ple by promoting the use of available technology to protect people from flying glass and debris.

Two weeks ago, Mr. Speaker, our subcommittee received testimony from Aren Almon-Kok, a young mother who lost her 1-year-old daughter, Baylee, in this senseless act. This woman has put aside her grief over this loss to speak out on the dangers of flying glass and to promote safety in child care centers.

Ms. Almon-Kok has also established a Web site for individuals concerned about flying glass and child safety at www.protectingpeople.com.

This awareness is slow in coming to the government; but with the help of citizens like Aren, those who attend child care centers can be made safer through conscious efforts on our part. I wholeheartedly support this resolution. I urge our colleagues to do the same.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I want to echo the comments and associate myself with the words of the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATOURETTE) whom I believe has spoken the predicate elements of this particular resolution.

I would just like to add that the events of April 19, 1995 have forever changed the ways in which we shall view the safety of American citizens and all visitors in public places. The tragedy of the bombing of the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City has regrettably become part of an American history we would prefer not to have to remember.

In the aftermath of this senseless act, however, we saw numerous acts of great bravery and countless acts of sacrifice and goodwill by many people. Thousands of volunteers, including Federal, State, and local personnel and workers, as well as rescue teams from all across this great Nation, provided immediate help and support. Even today as Congress convenes, condolences continue to be sent to the victims and their families.

We are here today to join once again in offering our sympathy and our prayers to the victims of this tragic bombing.

Mr. Speaker, I close by saying that the Committee on Ways and Means is working to better secure and make our buildings safe for the visiting public.

I urge an "aye" vote, and I compliment my neighbor, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATOURETTE) for his efforts in this regard as well.

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

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Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, 5 years ago on April 19, America was glued to radio and TV broadcasts for the latest news, sights and sounds for Oklahoma City. The minutes, hours, and days that followed the senseless destruction of the Murrah Federal