

economy of our region. So we really need it.

The sense of urgency shown on the part of the gentleman from California (Chairman POMBO) just cannot be underestimated, and I thank the gentleman for that.

This severely impacts the economy of Carbon County, of Red Lodge, of Cooke City, of Billings, the surrounding area. It is going to be a very complicated fix because it is a switch back. If you have not been there, it ends at the top at about 10,000 feet, a chain of lakes, it is flat, and it is the north entrance to Yellowstone Park. As the mudslides occurred, it took several layers of that switchback out. I think the estimate I heard was about 500 tons of material are sitting on that road.

I will be flying that on Saturday by helicopter, taking a look at the devastation, but it has been an incredible effort, a community effort on the part of the Federal, State, and local jurisdictions as well as the communities coming together.

Again, I thank the gentleman from California (Chairman POMBO) for giving us the opportunity to move this very quickly.

Mrs. CUBIN. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. REHBERG. I yield to the gentlewoman from Wyoming.

Mrs. CUBIN. Mr. Speaker, I too would like to thank the chairman and encourage passage of this resolution.

The Beartooth Highway connects two cities in Montana, but it passes through Wyoming; and many people need to travel on the Beartooth Highway in order to get into Yellowstone National Park. For many, many years this highway has been sorely neglected. It is not safe in its current condition, but it has not been safe for a long time.

Yellowstone National Park is the crown gem of the park system, and it is important to the whole country. So this is something that the country needs to do at this time. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. POMBO. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. REHBERG. I yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. POMBO. Mr. Speaker, during the days of May 16 and May 17 of this year, devastating mudslides bisected six sections of the scenic Beartooth All-American Highway between Red Lodge, Montana and Yellowstone National Park. Consequently, visitors to Yellowstone National Park coming from the States of Montana and Wyoming are now and for the foreseeable future required to take a detour to get to the northeast entrance of our Nation's oldest park. This detour could be in place for the entire summer season. Annually, an average of 190,000 visitors come to the park through the northeast entrance.

Mr. Speaker, my resolution acknowledges the importance of the highway in accessing the park and requests that the President take all necessary action

to assist the State of Montana in reopening the road.

I thank the gentleman from Alaska (Chairman YOUNG) for allowing this bill to be scheduled. The following is an exchange of letters with him:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES,
Washington, DC, June 9, 2005.

Hon. DON YOUNG,
Chairman, Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure, 2165 Rayburn HOB, Wash-
ington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter dated 9 June 2005 regarding House Resolution 309. I appreciate your willingness to allow the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure to be discharged to allow it to be considered on the Floor today. I will include a copy of your letter and my response to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD during deliberations on the bill.

Thank you again for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

RICHARD W. POMBO,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COM-
MITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND
INFRASTRUCTURE,
Washington, DC, June 9, 2005.

Hon. RICHARD W. POMBO,
Chairman, Committee on Resources,
1324 Longworth Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I am writing to you concerning the jurisdiction interest of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee in matters being considered in H. Res. 309, expressing the importance of immediately reopening the Beartooth All-American Highway from Red Lodge, Montana, to Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming. As you know, the legislation was also referred to the Transportation Committee.

Our Committee recognizes the importance of H. Res. 309 and the need for the legislation to move expeditiously to the House Floor. Therefore, I am willing to have the Transportation Committee discharged from consideration of the resolution. I would appreciate if it you would include a copy of this letter and your response to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

DON YOUNG,
Chairman.

I would like to thank the gentleman from Montana (Mr. REHBERG) and the gentlewoman from Wyoming (Mrs. CUBIN) for working with me to move this resolution so quickly through the House.

Mr. REHBERG. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman not only for his sense of urgency but his kind consideration in letting me go out of turn in my statement. I thank the chairman. I thank the House of Representatives for its positive consideration of this piece of legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 309

Whereas on March 1, 1872, Yellowstone was established as the world's first national park;

Whereas Yellowstone National Park encompasses over 2 million acres and is one of America's Crown Jewels of the National Park System;

Whereas over 2.8 million people visit Yellowstone National Park annually to admire its world famous geysers, hot springs, and remarkable wildlife, and to hike its more than 950 miles of backcountry trails;

Whereas on May 16-17, 2005, a major mudslide bisected the scenic Beartooth Highway in 6 sections requiring visitors from Montana to undertake a detour to the Northeast Entrance to Yellowstone National Park;

Whereas the scenic Beartooth Highway provides on average 190,000 visitors annually easy access to the Northeast Entrance to Yellowstone National Park;

Whereas the scenic Beartooth Highway has been recognized as one of the most scenic drives in the United States; and

Whereas the scenic Beartooth Highway is the economic artery for the citizens of the gateway communities of Red Lodge, Cooke City, and Silver Gate, Montana: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes the critical importance of ensuring unfettered access to visitors of Yellowstone National Park and preserving the economy of Red Lodge, Montana; and

(2) urges the President to take, without hesitation, all necessary actions to assist the Governor of Montana in reopening, as quickly as possible, the scenic Beartooth Highway that provides access to Yellowstone National Park.

The resolution is agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HONORING HOUSE PAGES

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

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the page class of 2005 to come down and take seats in the first two rows. While we are doing that, I would like to yield to my colleague and friend, the minority whip, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), who is on a time crunch and always likes to say good-bye to our page class.

Mr. HOYER. I thank my friend, and I thank him for the work that he does with the Page Board. His leadership and faithfulness in this effort is very much appreciated, I know, by these young people but appreciated also by the Republican Party and the Democratic Party.

I always like to have this opportunity to thank you young people. You have had an extraordinary opportunity which millions and millions of those your age will never have. You have had an opportunity to see firsthand the operations of the people's House, the House that was established by our Founding Fathers to reflect, as they viewed it, the passions of the people from time to time. That is why we have 2-year elections.

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That is why the only way you can serve in the House of Representatives is to be elected. You cannot be appointed. You can be appointed to the

U.S. Senate. You can be appointed Vice President of the United States, but you cannot be appointed to the House of Representatives.

You have had an opportunity on a day-to-day basis to help us make sure that democracy works. You may not think of what you did as high falutin and it perhaps was not, but it was critical to the functioning of this House.

I would ask you as you leave here to leave with a sense of responsibility, a sense of responsibility to convey to your classmates, to your friends in your neighborhood, to your future college classes, your future workers, co-workers, and your families and others and your fellow citizens your view of democracy as it is represented in this House. It is, of course, not perfect, because it is, obviously, human beings that participate in this, and as I know all of you know too well, we humans are not perfect.

However, as Winston Churchill said, while it may not be perfect, it is better than all other forms of government that have been tried. And I have been here now, this is my 26th year. You were born during part of my fifth or sixth term in office. As president of the Maryland Senate, I had the opportunity to run the page program in Maryland, and I always hoped that they would go back and say, you know what, they care, they care about our country, they care about us. They disagree. There are deep divisions from time to time, but, for the most part, almost everyone is trying to represent what they believe to be the best interests of their country.

Therefore, you will urge your fellow citizens to participate in the process, as hopefully you will as well. Having more knowledge than they, the more you participate, the better our democracy will be.

So I thank you for your service, not only on behalf of myself but on behalf of the Democratic Members of this House. There is no partisanship in the respect and affection that we have for all of you outstanding young people who make us proud of the generations that are coming and are confident that our country will be better for your future service and your service now.

I thank the gentleman from Illinois for giving me this opportunity, and I thank him for his leadership of this page board. Good luck.

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I will submit the roster of the 2005 pages for the RECORD at this point.

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Stephanie Collard—RI
Juleah Cordi—CA
Matthew Cujak—WI
Awapuhi Dancil—HI
Ruben Davis—PA
Lauren DeNunez—CA
Caroline Dickerson—TX
Edward Dumoulin—IL
Timothy Ford—MI
Adam Hammond—ID
Lane Hartley—VA
Alexandra Heard—MD
Lauren Henley—IL
Allison Holmer—CA
Amanda Huth—TX
Sarah Jaeschke—AR
Derek Jennarone—NJ
Holly Johnson—VA
Krystal Johnson—AL
Jaclyn Kahn—NJ
Rosemary Kelley—VA
Zachary Kirihara—CA
Dean Ladin—IL
Thomas Leonard—PA
Peter Linscheid—MI
Seth Lloyd—VI
Anthony Lupo—CA
Tyson McBride—UT
Caitlin McGowan—MN
Conor McManus—FL
Shannon Magnuson—FL
Jeremy Moore—MI
Chelsie Morales—AZ
Richard Moses—KY
Lucy Nicholas—CT
Darren Nowels—MD
Travis Proctor—KS
Danielle Raines—AZ
Rachel Romer—CO
Taylor Salisbury—MO
Matthew Sheldon—NM
Sara Skiles—MS
Kellie Staab—PA
Elizabeth Stone—TN
Joshua Strazanac—MI
Michael Trummel—WY
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Kevin Wood—TX

Mr. Speaker, I yield now to the gentlewoman from Guam (Ms. BORDALLO), the delegate from Guam, to address you, as she has a special person here from the territory.

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Jon Junior Calvo for his service as a congressional page in the United States House of Representatives. Jon is graduating from the congressional page program on June 10, 2005. It is exciting that his parents, Juan and Doris Calvo, and two of his siblings, Jonathan and Joni Ree, were able to come all the way from Guam, 10,000 miles from Washington, D.C., to celebrate this occasion with us. Celebrating with us here in spirit is his sister Krisinda.

The congressional page program brings together a diverse group of outstanding student leaders from around the country to work in Congress and pursue their studies in the Nation's Capital. It fuses classroom learning with real-world work experience, giving students like Jon a front row seat as history unfolds.

I nominated Jon based upon his strong academic record, his dem-

onstrated commitment to public service, and for his character and leadership in the community. He has lived up to and even exceeded my very high expectations for him.

Jon is the kind of young person that lights up a room when he walks into it and makes a lasting impression on everyone he meets. In his first month in the program, Jon was recognized with a citizenship award that is given to one exceptional student in the program each month. Other Members of Congress have even remarked to me on the floor what an outstanding young person Jon is.

Jon has been extremely active in the page program, serving on the yearbook staff and handling the public relations for the 2005 spring page class play, "The Black Rose." While in Washington, D.C., he was also elected incoming president of the National Honor Society chapter at Father Duenas Memorial School in Guam, where he will complete his studies next year.

I have enjoyed Jon's frequent visits to our office, and we always try and have a little taste of home for him when he stops by, whether it is guyuria, Chamorro chip cookies or red rice.

I thought that coming from Guam Jon might have a rough time adjusting to Washington, D.C.'s, cold winter weather, but I think he actually enjoyed the snow and the ice.

Jon has been an excellent ambassador for the people of Guam during his time here in Washington, spreading the "hafa adai" spirit throughout the halls of Congress. As a native speaker of Guam's indigenous language, Chamorro, Jon is a role model and example to other young people in Guam of the importance of preserving one's culture and one's language.

I always enjoy seeing Jon's friendly face on the House floor, and he calls us to let us know that he is going to be on C-SPAN. He will be truly missed when he returns home to Guam. I am sure that I will still see a lot of Jon, though, considering how active he is in the community through his church and school.

Jon is a young man of many talents, and I am excited to see what he will do in life. Whatever he does, I am sure he will continue making a positive contribution to our island.

Before I close, I would like to say congratulations to all the wonderful pages that have come from all over the States in our Nation. You have been a wonderful group of people.

Jon, you have made your family, your church, your school and the people of Guam proud. Si Yu'os Ma'ase for your service, and God bless you.

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, this always gives me an opportunity to bounce back and forth between the podiums because this is really a special time. I will get a chance to address you all tomorrow at the departure ceremony, which will be a first for me, although being with the page program

for a long time. The work and effort that you have put in, you know what you have done, and we really thank you for your efforts and the sacrifice you have made.

You have heard now from two Members of Congress. There are Members who you know who always pay a little closer attention to the pages because of love and admiration, maybe a history in the program, and we have one of those with us. I would invite him to come up and say his good-byes.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. KOLBE).

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Illinois for yielding to me. And it is true, I have a very special affection for the page program. I think many of you know it is because I was a page. That is how I got started. Most of you also know the dirty little secret that it was as a Senate page, that I was over on the other side there. That is okay. I was still in the page program.

It was a very special moment in my life to have spent the time that I did here, 3 years. In those days, you could come anytime in your high school years and stay as long as your sponsor would let you stay, as long as you could keep up your grades so that you did not flunk out and leave, and you got to stay around here. I did, and I graduated from the page school. So I know what a difference it has made in my life.

I guess you could say here I am today, I cannot say that the page program propelled me to Congress itself. The vast majority of you will not ever serve in government at all or in elected office perhaps, but I think some of you will. There is no question about that. Some of you will, and you will be very successful at all the things you do. But whether or not you go into government, whether or not you run for office or you enter some other kind of position in the government or go into business or a profession, I think you will find that this experience will stand you in very, very, very good stead.

You will find that not only does it give you kind of a sense of understanding of the government, which is going to impact your life. It does not matter what line of work you go into. Government is going to impact your life, and you are going to have a better understanding than the majority of people because you will have been there and watched it and/or observed for a semester or two semesters.

It gives you a sense of camaraderie or sense of independence at an earlier age than most young people get a chance to be as independent. It gives you a sense of discipline. You learn a lot of discipline skills. You do not have a parent there at night to study, to do the things that you need to do.

I think that the most interesting thing about the page program as I have observed it over the 20 years, 21 years now I have been here in Congress, and a number of those I served as the predecessor to the gentleman from Illinois

(Mr. SHIMKUS) as the chairman of the page board, and it was certainly one of the more enjoyable experiences that I have had here in Congress, what I observed is that each class of pages has its own personality and develops its own personality.

So I am not sure exactly how I would describe the personality of this class except I would say maybe I do not know you very well. I would say it is a little more serious than some of the other classes I have seen, a little more reserved, more serious. Maybe that is good. That does not mean it is all bad. I know it is probably not that way back in the dorm in the evenings and not that way on the weekends with you, but I do think this is a class that has had a great deal of seriousness, watched a great deal of things happen here on the floor of the House of Representatives, and I think you deserve a great appreciation for that.

There have been classes, of course, that preceded you just 2 or 3 years ago that experienced the incredible experience of 9/11, of going through that horrific Tuesday morning with so many others of us here. Each page class has its own kind of experiences that it has, but I just want you to know that you are not only appreciated for what you do, but in a very real sense we could not do this job if it were not for you. You really are the grease that make the place just run a little bit more smoothly. You are what make us all feel just a little bit better.

There are other people that could do the job. There is no question about it. We could hire people to do this job. And yet, with a considerable effort and even expense because of maintaining a school, maintaining a dormitory and all the things that have to be done, the question is often asked in the Congress, I have to tell you, and certainly by some constituents, why do we do this and keep this program? I think the answer is right here in front of me. Because of all of you and because of what we see here and because of what you have learned from this and what you have been able to do with this and what I know you will do with this and how I know this experience will and can be a life-changing experience.

Every year in the summer of another group, we can give 70, 75 people to have this kind of experience. It is a very extraordinary experience for you, and I think we have changed your lives and you will go out and touch a lot of other lives, older people, younger people and your peers as well, as you go through life.

So, again, we thank you for the wonderful job that you have done. We want to say farewell but not really farewell. We expect to see you back often and hear from you. You have always watched as the former pages come into the cloakrooms and onto the floor when we are not in session, and so you will be among those. It will be a very special experience for you to be able to come back and observe the younger

pages that are here in the following years.

So thank you for the wonderful service you have given us. I want to wish you all very well in your final year of school and the year of school that goes beyond that, because I know all of you are going to be successful in whatever you do. Godspeed. Thank you.

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on my 1 minute today.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MACK). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, the ranking member of the page program is the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KILDEE), who has been on the program for decades now. I will not say how many decades. And he has been a great help to me in keeping the current environment and the future of the page program grounded to the traditions of the previous classes. He could not stay to talk and address you all, but he did provide me with his comments, and I will submit those for the RECORD along with your names.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY), a colleague who would like to address the class.

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Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, thank you for picking and selecting such a great group of young people. I am proud that I have gotten to know you a little bit. I am so motherly when I run into you on the elevators, I see so many of the faces I have asked where are you from, how are you liking this and asked question, question, question. And you have been so patient and polite with me, and thank you very much.

Part of growing up is knowing you have to be polite to adults, and you hope when you are an adult people will be polite with you, particularly pages in the House of Representatives because you represent our entire Nation and our territories. You bring such a perfect, beautiful face to this. Every one of you, you look like the country. That is good for us, and it is good for you, and it is certainly good for the diversity of democracy that we uphold here.

I have learned from you, and I think you have learned from us and are taking a lot back, but at the same time you have contributed so much.

Do not think for a minute you are just here taking. You gave. We know that and appreciate that, and maybe we have not always let you know how much we appreciate you, but we do. Good luck, good future, and congratulations for being just exactly the people you are. Thank you.

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman. The pages have given to this institution and the page program. You have set a bar by which we can now challenge other page classes, and I want to thank you.

Mr. Speaker, also joining us is the gentleman from California (Mr. SCHIFF).

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time and for all of his work with the page program. I want to thank all of the pages for their service and take a moment to brag a little because Stella is from my district. I know how great Stella is, and I know you know how great she is. We were so delighted to have her join us. She has added a great deal to the page class, including directing the play "The Black Rose." Stella's folks are here today and are going on a tour. So please say hello to them. We are proud of the work you did and the work all of you did.

Mr. Speaker, I had a chance during college to intern here on Capitol Hill twice. It was a different experience than the page experience, but I hope many of you will come back as interns, as staff, and ultimately come back as Members of the House. And if you are lucky, you can become lords in the Senate and then we will have to show even greater respect to all of you.

Mr. Speaker, I thank all the pages very much for their work. It is tremendously appreciated. I want to wish you, Stella, and wish the entire class all the best of luck.

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I do not want to steal some thunder from some of the words I will mention tomorrow afternoon and tomorrow evening, but you know what you have been doing and you know the role you have played here and the friends you have made and the relationships you have built. You take a unique quality back with you.

As a former high school history teacher, it is not the book learning; you have actually lived it. You are now some of the most informed people in the operating of the House of Representatives from the whole congressional district in which you reside. You know truth from fiction. You know, as the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) said, that people come here well intentioned to do the best job they can for their districts. You have seen the debates, and you have run out of the Capitol. You understand the environment we live in here, that representatives try to balance a thousand balls in the air at one time, and you have had to do that, too.

I am also speaking here for the floor staff on both sides of the aisle who have worked with you diligently, and you have worked with them, whether it is the school program which I applaud you on and your efforts in that respect, or it is the dorm staff. You truly have been a class that many of the people you have had to work with over the past year are honestly saying that they are going to miss you. I cannot think

of a better tribute to pay to a group of young men and women, than for those, especially adults that you have had to work with for over a year, to say I am going to miss that class.

Mr. Speaker, these pages have set the bar. We will challenge the incoming classes to try to meet their high standard. I hope they do. I hope we will continue to be better for that.

This period of time is in honor of the pages. You will get to celebrate with your families tomorrow night, say your good-byes and make America stronger by having well-informed young women and young men to get back into the everyday activities of our homes and how to make our country better. Thank you, God bless you all, and God bless the United States of America.

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to express my personal gratitude to all of the pages who have served so diligently in the House of Representatives during the 109th Congress. I have attached a list of the fine young people who have served this House as Pages.

We all recognize the important role that congressional pages play in helping the U.S. House of Representatives operate. This group of young people, who come from all across our Nation, represent what is good about our country.

To become a page, these young people have proven themselves to be academically qualified. They have ventured away from the security of their homes and families to spend time in an unfamiliar city. Through this experience, they have witnessed a new culture, made new friends, and learned the details of how our Government operates.

As we all know, the job of a congressional page is not an easy one. Along with being away from home, the pages must possess the maturity to balance competing demands for their time and energy.

In addition, they must have the dedication to work long hours and the ability to interact with people at a personal level. At the same time, they face a challenging academic schedule of classes in the House Page School.

I am sure they will consider their time spent in Washington, DC to be one of the most valuable and exciting experiences of their lives, and that with this experience they will all move ahead to lead successful and productive lives.

Mr. Speaker, as the Democratic Member on the House Page Board, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this group of distinguished young Americans. They certainly will be missed.

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Shannon Magnuson—FL
Jeremy Moore—MI
Chelsie Morales—AZ
Richard Moses—KY
Lucy Nicholas—CT
Darren Nowels—MD
Travis Proctor—KS
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SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MACK). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2005, 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 Texas (Mr. POE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. POE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

EXCHANGE OF SPECIAL ORDER TIME

Mr. NORWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to claim the time of the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE).

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

There was no objection.

THREAT TO OUR SOUTHERN BORDER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. NORWOOD) is recognized for 5 minutes.