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CELEBRATING WALT DISNEY'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR NATION

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 355) celebrating Walt Disney's contributions to our Nation, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I would first like to thank my friend from Virginia for bringing up this legislation today as well as the distinguished Republican leader for allowing it to be considered under unanimous consent. I would also like to extend my thanks to the ranking member of the Government Reform Committee and my fellow Californian for his support, and, of course, our leader, the gentlewoman from California.

Mr. Speaker, Disneyland is the treasure of the 47th Congressional District of California, and it is also a national treasure. Its doors first opened 50 years ago, on July 17, 1955. This bill commemorates the anniversary, which will be celebrated this weekend in my hometown of Anaheim, California. The bill also celebrates the extraordinary life of its creator and visionary, Mr. Walt Disney.

Since Disney introduced his lovable Mickey Mouse to the world in 1928, his creations and his legacy have been a joy and an inspiration to this country and to every corner of the globe. Disneyland and the world of Disney, of course, have gone far beyond its humble beginnings. Disneyland, itself, has grown from a single theme park with one hotel into a full-scale resort with two world-class theme parks; 2,200 hotel rooms; and 40 restaurant and retail locations. And it is Orange County's leading employer, directly employing 2,000 individuals and supporting an additional 45,700 jobs.

It is, therefore, my pleasure and honor to recognize the 50th anniversary of Disneyland, for as we say in Anaheim, it is the happiest place on

Earth. I thank, again, my colleagues for allowing me to offer this legislation today.

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, will the gentlewoman yield?

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Further reserving the right to object, I yield to the gentleman from Virginia.

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would also like to support H. Res. 355, which celebrates Walt Disney's contributions to our Nation. I want to thank my distinguished colleague, the gentlewoman from California, for sponsoring and spearheading this resolution.

As 2005 marks the 50th anniversary of Disneyland, now is an appropriate time to recognize the outstanding contributions of its founder, Walt Disney, to our Nation. Like so many American success stories, Walt Disney was a self-made man. In the 1920s he began by independently producing a series of animated comedies, starting with Alice's Wonderland in 1923. In 1928 Walt Disney figuratively struck gold when he created Mickey Mouse. Since then, he went on to create countless other memorable characters, too numerous to list here.

In the process, he won 32 Academy Awards for his work. Nevertheless, the highest praise for Disney may lie in the sustained delight his creations have inspired in millions of Americans, young and old, for more than 70 years.

Not content with just his screen creations, Walt Disney was inspired by his daughters to create a special place where adults and children could have fun together. In 1955, he realized this dream with the opening of Disneyland in Anaheim, California. In the park's formal dedication, he expressed his hope that Disneyland would be "a source of joy and inspiration to the world." It is no exaggeration to say that his dream has become a reality. Now, millions of people around the world benefit from his inspiration at Disneyland and the many other family-oriented Disney theme parks, cruise lines, and resorts. Much like his movies, a visit to Disneyland is a cherished memory of countless childhoods.

Walt Disney was an unrivaled imaginative visionary. Through his gifted imagination, he has touched nearly all of us and left our culture far richer than he found it.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 355

Whereas in the summer of 1923, Walt Disney independently produced a cartoon called Alice's Wonderland, and he decided that he could use it as his "pilot" film to sell a series of Alice comedies to a distributor;

Whereas a New York distributor, M.J. Winkler, contracted to distribute the Alice comedies on October 16, 1923, and this date is credited as the birth of the Disney company;

Whereas the company was originally known as the Disney Brothers Cartoon Studio, with Walt Disney and his brother, Roy, as equal partners, the company soon changed its name, at Roy's suggestion, to the Walt Disney Studio;

Whereas today, the list of Disney classic animated films reads like an all-time favorites list of children everywhere: Cinderella, Pinocchio, Bambi, Alice in Wonderland, Beauty and the Beast, Dumbo, 101 Dalmatians, The Jungle Book, Aladdin, The Lion King, Toy Story, Pocahontas, The Hunchback of Notre Dame, Mulan, Monsters Inc., The Emperor's New Groove, A Bug's Life, and many others;

Whereas Disney has also produced timeless live action family films including 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea, Swiss Family Robinson, Treasure Island, Honey, I Shrank the Kids, and The Santa Clause;

Whereas the Walt Disney Foundation strives to promote discourse, writing, and scholarship about the life, work, and philosophy of Walt Disney;

Whereas 2005 is the 50th anniversary of Disneyland;

Whereas Walt Disney's dream of "a place where parents and children could have fun together", became a reality with the opening of Disneyland in Anaheim, California, and subsequently in the opening of additional theme parks, cruise lines, and resorts worldwide;

Whereas when Walt Disney formally dedicated Disneyland on July 17, 1955, he stated that he hoped the park would be "... a source of joy and inspiration to all the world";

Whereas Walt Disney's original venture in Anaheim has expanded from a single theme park with one hotel into a full-scale Resort with two world-class theme parks, 2,200 hotel rooms and 40 restaurant and retail locations;

Whereas the success of Walt Disney's dream has launched an industry and sparked an empire of fun that now spans the globe, attracting millions of visitors on three continents every year;

Whereas Walt Disney opened Disneyland with 1,280 cast members in 1955 and today Walt Disney Parks and Resorts employs more than 100,000 cast members worldwide;

Whereas in the spirit of Walt Disney millions of dollars in cash, in-kind gifts, and volunteer services are provided to hundreds of non-profit groups, touching the lives of thousands of people; and

Whereas Walt Disney's creation of Disneyland was, perhaps, the single greatest family entertainment achievement of the 20th century—introducing an entirely new concept in outdoor entertainment and establishing an icon of fun and magic known around the world: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) celebrates Walt Disney's contributions to our Nation; and

(2) congratulates Disneyland, "the Happiest Place on Earth", on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary.

The resolution was agreed to.

AMENDMENT TO THE PREAMBLE OFFERED BY
MR. TOM DAVIS OF VIRGINIA

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I offer an amendment to the preamble.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment to the preamble offered by Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia:

H. RES. 355

Whereas Walter Elias Disney, an imaginative visionary who changed the face of American culture, was born in 1901;

Whereas in the summer of 1923, Walt Disney independently produced a cartoon called Alice's Wonderland, and he decided that he could use it as his "pilot" film to sell a series of Alice comedies to a distributor;

Whereas Walt Disney's primary cartoon character, Mickey Mouse, has delighted millions of children and adults around the world since his debut in 1928;

Whereas Walt Disney personally won 32 Academy Awards for his work, including a special award for the creation of Mickey Mouse, a special award for Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, and the prestigious Irving Thalberg Memorial Award given by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences;

Whereas Walt Disney introduced the world to his special brand of entertainment at the 1964-1965 New York World's Fair, which incorporated four Disney shows, including Great Moments with Mr. Lincoln, a tribute to the 16th President of the United States;

Whereas Walt Disney's original vision of a place for children and adults to have fun together was inspired by his two daughters;

Whereas Walt Disney's "dream of a place where parents and children could have fun together", became a reality with the opening of Disneyland in Anaheim, California, and subsequently in the opening of additional theme parks, cruise lines, and resorts worldwide;

Whereas when Walt Disney formally dedicated Disneyland on July 17, 1955, he stated that he hoped the park would be "... a source of joy and inspiration to all the world";

Whereas Walt Disney hosted dignitaries at Disneyland, including Presidents Harry Truman, Dwight Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, and Richard Nixon, and his legacy of hospitality has extended to Presidents Jimmy Carter, Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan, and George H. W. Bush;

Whereas 2005 is the 50th anniversary of Disneyland;

Whereas Walt Disney's dream has launched an industry and sparked an empire of fun that now spans the globe, attracting millions of visitors on three continents every year; and

Whereas the Walt Disney Foundation strives to promote discourse, writing, and scholarship about the life, work, and philosophy of Walt Disney: Now, therefore, be it

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment to the preamble be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the amendment to the preamble offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. TOM DAVIS).

The amendment to the preamble was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

VETERANS HEALTH CARE

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

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, it has now been 14 days since this House could have sent to the President a \$1.5 billion emergency spending bill to solve the health care crisis facing America's veterans. Unfortunately, the House leadership chose not to support the bill that passed unanimously on a bipartisan basis by the Senate 2 weeks ago. Unfortunately, to compound that error, the leadership, I guess, decided a vacation for House Members tomorrow was more important than resolving this serious health care crisis, where today as we speak there are veterans not getting the care they deserve because of the shortfall of funding.

To add insult to injury, the White House budget director just said a few minutes ago to the Budget Committee that VA funding over the last 3 years has actually been too much. So the White House budget director is saying we funded too much for veterans health care over the last 3 years. I think veterans across America are going to be outraged that that is the position of this administration.

We are facing a crisis today because we have underfunded VA health care. We should correct it before Congress takes one more day of recess or vacation.

NEW YORK TIMES REPORTER REMAINS JAILED

(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. Five days and counting, Mr. Speaker, and the only one in jail today on the issue of a cover-up is Judith Miller, a reporter with integrity at the New York Times. I am well aware of the fact that there is an ongoing investigation. But truth has an uncanny ability of opening the doors and clarifying and, as well, providing justice.

Judith Miller believes in the first amendment. She also believes in the right to protect sources. I want the truth on who exposed the undercover CIA agent, a woman. But I believe it is patently unfair because of the lack of a shield law that Judith Miller still stands in jail. In essence, I consider her a political prisoner, and I think it is appropriate for the United States Congress to stand up and defend Judith Miller, as she should be released.

The investigation should proceed. The truth should be known. But those who know the truth need to come up and own to the truth so that Judith Miller, a reporter who tries to tell the truth, can be free.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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 Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take my Special Order at this time.

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

There was no objection.

SUICIDE TERRORISM

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

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, more than half of the American people now believe that the Iraqi war has made the U.S. less safe. This is a dramatic shift in sentiment from 2 years ago. Early support for the war reflected a hope for a safer America, and it was thought to be an appropriate response to the 9/11 attacks. This argument was that the enemy attacked us for our defense of freedom, our prosperity, and our way of life. It was further argued that it was important to engage the potential terrorists over there rather than here. Many bought this argument and supported the war. That is now changing.

It is virtually impossible to stop determined suicide bombers. Understanding why they sacrifice themselves is crucial to ending what appears to be senseless and irrational. But there is an explanation.

I, like many, have assumed that the driving force behind the suicide attacks was Islamic fundamentalism. Promise of instant entry into paradise as a reward for killing infidels seemed to explain the suicides, a concept that is foreign to our way of thinking. The world's expert on suicide terrorism has convinced me to rethink this simplistic explanation that it is merely an expression of religious extremism and resentment of a foreign culture.

Robert Pape, author of "Dying to Win," explains the strategic logic of suicide terrorism. Pape has collected a database of every suicide terrorist attack between 1980 and 2004, all 462 of them. His conclusions are enlightening and crucial to our understanding the true motivation behind the attacks against Western nations by Islamic terrorists. After his exhaustive study, Pape comes to some very important conclusions.

Religious beliefs are less important than supposed. For instance, the Tamil Tigers in Sri Lanka, a Marxist secular group, are the world's leader in suicide terrorism. The largest Islamic fundamentalist countries have not been responsible for any suicide terrorist attack. None have come from Iran or the