

that when this legislation is implemented, cultural tourism will be strengthened through it.

I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to join me in supporting this important legislation.

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today once again in strong support of the Travel Promotion Act. In these difficult economic times, this bill is vital for our Nation's economy.

Last year the U.S. lost nearly 200,000 travel-related jobs. In my district, we have been hit particularly hard, with one of the highest unemployment rates in the country and a hotel occupancy rate among the lowest we've ever seen.

The Travel Promotion Act would help bring back those jobs and put Americans back to work. Independent economists have said that every dollar spent on this program will bring in three dollars in increased revenue—from the added jobs and economic growth that we will see from increased tourism to our country. And this can all be accomplished without adding to the Nation's debt.

Every State in our Nation benefits from tourism—whether you have mountains, beaches, amusement parks, vineyards, ballparks, historic monuments or casinos, we all benefit from this bill.

This is a common sense piece of legislation that will help energize our economy at a time when we need it most. I urge support for the bill.

Mrs. DAVIS of California. I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. DAVIS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 896.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

NATIONAL SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY WEEK

Mr. LOEBSACK. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 700) expressing support for designation of the week beginning on November 9, 2009, as National School Psychology Week, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 700

Whereas all children and youth learn best when they are healthy, supported, and receive an education that meets their individual needs;

Whereas schools can more effectively ensure that all students are ready and able to learn if they work to meet the needs of each student;

Whereas sound psychological principles are critical to proper instruction and learning, social and emotional development, prevention and early intervention in a culturally diverse student population;

Whereas school psychologists are specially trained to deliver mental health services and academic support that lowers barriers to

learning and allows teachers to teach more effectively;

Whereas school psychologists facilitate collaboration that helps parents and educators identify and reduce risk factors, promote protective factors, create safe schools, and access community resources;

Whereas school psychologists are trained to assess barriers to learning, utilize data-based decisionmaking, implement research-driven prevention and intervention strategies, evaluate outcomes, and improve accountability;

Whereas State educational agencies and other State entities credential more than 35,000 school psychologists who practice in schools in the United States as key professionals that promote the learning and mental health of all children;

Whereas the National Association of School Psychologists establishes and maintains high standards for training, practice, and school psychologist credentialing, in collaboration with organizations such as the American Psychological Association, that promote effective and ethical services by school psychologists to children, families, and schools;

Whereas the people of the United States should recognize the vital role school psychologists play in the personal and academic development of the Nation's children; and

Whereas the week beginning on November 9, 2009, would be an appropriate week to designate as National School Psychology Week: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) supports the designation of National School Psychology Week;

(2) honors and recognizes the contributions of school psychologists to the success of students in schools across the United States; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to observe the week with appropriate activities that promote awareness of the vital role school psychologists play in schools, in the community, and in helping students develop into successful and productive members of society.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. LOEBSACK) and the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. BIGGERT) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Iowa.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LOEBSACK. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and to insert extraneous material on H. Res. 700 into the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. LOEBSACK. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

I am honored to speak in support of House Resolution 700, which I introduced with my colleague, Representative EHLERS, to designate the week of November 9, 2009, as National School Psychology Week. I want to thank Mr. EHLERS in particular for his work on this resolution and his dedication to the mental health needs of students in America. Mr. EHLERS has been a leader on these issues, and it is always a pleasure to work with him.

As a former college teacher and a husband to a former second grade teacher, I have seen firsthand that the educational success of a student is based on many different factors, including their social and emotional health. Many children come to school with concerns for themselves, their family, and their loved ones. These students often face difficult home lives and the challenges they face at home follow them into the classroom, causing attention issues, behavior issues, poor grades and potentially lower educational success.

In fact, research shows one in five children and adolescents will experience a significant mental health problem that can interfere with their educational achievement during their school years. The more than 35,000 psychologists in our schools today have one priority—to help students in need.

They are trained to identify and address barriers to learning. School psychologists collaborate with teachers, school administrators and families in the classroom and even in the home. School psychologists also work to address potential barriers to learning before they arise by screening and testing for educational and developmental problems.

In addition, school psychologists work to ensure students' safety while attending school. They work to properly assess possible threats from students that could do harm to themselves or others. They also sit on school crisis teams that plan, and if called upon, act in the case of a serious crisis.

School psychologists are an integral part of the dedicated team of professionals working in our schools every day to ensure that every student in America has an opportunity for academic success and reaching his or her full potential. I am glad that we are recognizing their good work by designating next week as National School Psychology Week.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of House Resolution 700, expressing the support for the designation of the week beginning November 9, 2009, as National School Psychology Week.

National School Psychology Week takes place from November 9 to November 13 this year. Recognizing National School Psychology Week promotes the importance of providing support for children to help create a healthy, safe and positive learning environment.

The theme of this year's National School Psychology week is "See the possibilities in you. We do!" This theme focuses on highlighting the positive work school psychologists do to promote the endless possibilities for academic and personal success in the lives of the students they serve. School psychologists assist the students they serve by helping to remove academic and personal barriers to learning and

by assisting school administrators and teachers in improving the learning environment.

By recognizing National School Psychology Week we show our support for the work school psychologists do to help create a healthy, safe and positive learning environment and to address barriers that prevent learning.

I applaud the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. LOEBSACK) for authoring and bringing this resolution to the floor. I also commend the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. EHLERS) for cosponsoring the bill. I am honored to support this resolution and ask my colleagues to join me in voting "yes."

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LOEBSACK. Mr. Speaker, I again want to thank Mr. EHLERS for his work on this resolution and Mrs. BIGGERT as well for her comments. I thank all the cosponsors for their support and work.

I again urge my colleagues to vote in favor of this resolution designating the week of November 9, 2009, as National School Psychology Week.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. LOEBSACK) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 700, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. LOEBSACK. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

HONORING VICTIMS OF FORT HOOD ATTACK

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 895) honoring the lives of the brave soldiers and civilians of the United States Army who died or were wounded in the tragic attack of November 5, 2009 at Fort Hood, Texas.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 895

Resolved, That the House of Representatives honors the lives of the brave soldiers and civilians of the United States Army who died or were wounded in the tragic attack of November 5, 2009, at Fort Hood, Texas. The American people share the pain and grief of this tragic loss. Our thoughts and prayers will continue to be with the families of those who were so unfortunately taken from them.

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

tleman from Texas (Mr. MCCAUL) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Missouri.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on this resolution.

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

There was no objection.

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

Less than 24 hours ago our Nation was shocked to learn that a shooting had taken place at Fort Hood, Texas, one of the largest military bases in our country. Over the course of these initial news reports, we were saddened to learn that at least 13 soldiers were killed or have died and more than 30 were wounded, including the alleged assailant and the officer who was instrumental in bringing an end to the shooting.

□ 1145

What was shocking to most Americans is that a fellow member is alleged to have carried out this vicious attack on his comrades in arms. Yesterday, as these soldiers were in the midst of preparing for combat overseas, a fellow soldier opened fire on these unsuspecting patriots and those civilians and soldiers who were supporting them.

While many of those who were there were spared from the flying bullets, a number of these courageous soldiers and civilians were wounded, and they will face months, perhaps even years, recovering from their wounds. The heartache for these individuals and their families will be compounded by the fact that they will face these challenges knowing they were injured in the line of duty by an individual from within their own ranks. In the following days and months to come, these individuals and their families will need both emotional and physical sustenance and encouragement. It is our responsibility to ensure that they and their families have the resources they need to make a full and complete recovery.

Our prayers are with those who have lost a loved one in this senseless killing. These military families are already stressed with the thought of their family member deploying to Afghanistan or Iraq for a year, of the holidays and special moments that they would not share because of this deployment. And now their world has been turned upside down. Those last days prior to deployment when many families often make special plans to spend those few precious moments together have been taken away.

This morning, they will awaken to the realization that time will not bring their family member home to their welcoming arms. These families will

need much love and support in the coming days; and we, as Americans, will be there with them and for them in their time of need.

Mr. Speaker, there is an ongoing investigation into this incident, and it is not appropriate for us to speculate on the motivations and why this occurrence happened. The investigation should be allowed to be completed without intervention as quickly as possible so it can bring closure to those who were tragically impacted by this event.

My thoughts and my prayers go out to those who have lost a loved one and to those who have been wounded, but I also want to reach out to all of our military families who are stationed around the world, who each understandably are touched by the heart-breaking events of yesterday at Fort Hood.

Mr. Speaker, I am extremely saddened by this occurrence. All of us in this body are extremely saddened by this occurrence.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON).

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of House Resolution 895. I appreciate the leadership of Congressman MIKE MCCAUL of Texas, a proven friend of military families.

Yesterday marked a dark and painful chapter in the history of Fort Hood, Texas. The Nation's largest military installation was devastated when the soldiers and civilians of the United States Army were heinously attacked by the least likely of assailants, a murderer who benefited from the American dream of unlimited opportunity, attending medical school at military expense, and a person given trust as a high rank in our military. He cowardly then committed treason.

In the aftermath, we have learned that 13 of our bravest and finest Americans were killed and several dozen more were wounded. This senseless act of horror betrays our respect and dignity for human life. Our deepest thoughts and prayers are with each of the families affected by this great tragedy.

My constituents are shocked and saddened. In discussing today this tragedy with Carl Gooding of WDOG radio of Allendale, South Carolina, I know firsthand the Lowcountry of South Carolina is praying for the Fort Hood families.

Amidst this tragedy, there are reports that many soldiers in the immediate vicinity of the attack provided heroic aid to their fellow soldiers who had been wounded, several of them already wounded themselves. These selfless acts undoubtedly saved the lives of several and mitigated what was already a terrible tragedy. Many have come forward to donate much-needed blood and offer themselves to help at