

1004, a resolution recognizing the 150th anniversary of the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. I thank the gentleman from Illinois, Congressman DANNY DAVIS, for introducing this resolution.

I am an alumni of Northwestern University School of Law, and I am pleased to see that the School of Medicine is continuing the Northwestern tradition of excellence. As was mentioned, according to U.S. News & World Report, Feinberg is now ranked in the top 20 medical schools in the country. When I attended law school, in the downtown campus was the School of Medicine, the School of Law, and then the business school, which moved out to Evanston. But the complex has grown, certainly in the medical school, since 1859 as the Medical Department of Lind University, then the Feinberg School of Medicine becoming a part of Northwestern University in 1870. People now that would see the complex in Chicago, it is huge and continues to grow and to provide the excellence for education for so many students.

A couple of other notable alumni that went to the school there are Charles Mayo, one of the founders of the Mayo Clinic, which is certainly well known—it's nice to have that distinguished type of graduate from the school—and John Cooper, the first president of the Association of American Medical Colleges. So the illustrious 150-year history of Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine is such that we have to commend the administration, the doctors, the faculty, and all that are involved in making the School of Medicine one of the best in the country. I am proud to have gone to the school, and I am proud to support this resolution.

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

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, once again, I congratulate the Feinberg School of Medicine for their leadership in medicine and science and urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1004.

The question was taken.

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

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

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.

CONGRATULATING THE DARTMOUTH OUTING CLUB OF HANOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the reso-

lution (H. Res. 776) congratulating the Dartmouth Outing Club of Hanover, New Hampshire, for 100 years of service to the United States and its wilderness, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 776

Whereas, December 14, 2009, marks the centennial of the founding of the Dartmouth Outing Club (DOC) at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire;

Whereas the DOC, the oldest and largest collegiate outing club in the Nation, was founded by Fred Harris, Dartmouth Class of 1911;

Whereas the DOC has continually promoted environmental stewardship through student leadership;

Whereas the DOC has promoted environmental stewardship by caring for over 100 miles of hiking trails, including over 70 miles of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail from Route 12 in Woodstock, Vermont, to Route 112 in Woodstock, New Hampshire, as well as maintaining cabins and shelters and teaching wilderness skills, sports, and safety to students and community members;

Whereas the DOC is a student-run club and has consistently focused on student leadership by providing students with the opportunity to lead by carrying out projects which have included constructing the Class of '66 Lodge, organizing the largest freshman trips program in the country, and directing sub-clubs that together allow students to learn about, appreciate, and experience the natural environment year-round;

Whereas a division of the DOC which promoted environmental sustainability and conservation has displayed leadership in environmental conservation by testifying before Congress regarding the Alaska National Interests Lands Conservation Act in the spring of 1977;

Whereas the DOC has promoted sustainability by having Dartmouth students buy and re-engineer a passenger bus into the DOC's Big Green Bus, powered by vegetable oil and solar energy;

Whereas, on June 16, 2009, 15 Dartmouth College students began the Big Green Bus' fifth annual cross-country trip, traveling 11,300 miles to promote environmental awareness; and

Whereas throughout 2009, the Dartmouth Outing Club, along with current members and alumni of Dartmouth College, took part in Centennial Celebrations for the organization by participating in a 100-mile hike of Outing Club trails, a Riverfest on the Connecticut River, the 63rd annual Woodsmen's Weekend, and a hike of the entire Appalachian National Scenic Trail from Georgia to Maine by students and alumni simultaneously in different sections: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives congratulates the Dartmouth Outing Club of Hanover, New Hampshire, for 100 years of service to the United States and its wilderness, and commends the Club's ongoing commitment to further environmental stewardship and student leadership.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) and the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. GUTHRIE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Hawaii.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, I request 5 legislative days during which Members may revise and extend and insert extraneous material on H. Res. 776 into the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Hawaii?

There was no objection.

Ms. HIRONO. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 776, celebrating the Dartmouth Outing Club of Hanover, New Hampshire, for 100 years of service to the United States and its wilderness.

Dartmouth has a rich history. In his arguments in 1818 to the Supreme Court in the Dartmouth College case, Daniel Webster said: "It is, sir, as I have said, a small college, and yet there are those who love it." Dartmouth is no longer small, yet many continue to admire the important contributions of Dartmouth's faculty, students, and organizations, including those of the Dartmouth Outing Club of Hanover.

Founding in 1809, the club set out to pique students' interest in the vast arctic sports that New Hampshire's winter has to offer. However, by the end of the school year, it had grown to encompass the students' year-round recreational activities. This resolution proudly acknowledges and celebrates the club's century of contributions. These contributions include the establishment of many programs and projects which have provided opportunities for students to learn about, appreciate, and experience their natural environment year round. The club teaches wilderness skills and sports and safety know-how. The Environmental Studies Division of the club also offers lessons in environmental sustainability and conservation.

With over 1,500 student members, the Dartmouth Outing Club of Hanover is the largest collegiate outing club in the Nation. The club organizes trips in the out-of-doors and is also tasked with maintaining over 70 miles of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail.

The club has been a pioneer for environmental sustainability. In the spring of 1977, the club testified before Congress regarding the Alaska Lands Act, which led to the establishment of the Dartmouth Organic Farm. In addition, Dartmouth's Outing Club built a carbon-neutral greenhouse and re-engineered the club's big green bus to run on vegetable oil and solar energy.

This resolution encourages us all to join in the celebration of the Dartmouth Outing Club's 100 years of exemplary service to our Nation's wilderness and the Dartmouth community.

Mr. Speaker, once again, I express my support of H. Res. 776 and urge my colleagues to support this measure.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of House Resolution 776 and yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Dartmouth Outing Club on 100 years of service to the United States and its wilderness.

The Dartmouth Outing Club was formed in 1909 to stimulate interest in out-of-door sports. Club membership increased steadily, and by 1920 two-thirds of Dartmouth's student body were members of the outing club. Today the club has over 1,500 student members and is the largest collegiate outing club in the Nation.

Due to its large membership, the club is organized as an umbrella organization in which smaller clubs that specialize in an aspect of outdoor recreation are housed. These specialized clubs include Outward Bound, Bait and Bullet, and the Ledyard Canoe Club. Every year, the Outing Club organizes freshman trips during pre-orientation to encourage freshman class bonding and membership in the club.

The Dartmouth Outing Club, or DOC, has consistently focused on promoting outdoor activities. DOC provides students with the opportunity to participate in outdoor projects, trips and classes. DOC cares for over 100 miles of hiking trails, organizes projects such as the building of the Class of '66 Lodge, and organizes winter sport trips such as ski and snowboard trips.

On the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Dartmouth Outing Club, it is important to recognize their contributions to the students, alumni and New Hampshire wilderness. The DOC encourages students to be active and to remove themselves from the stresses of collegiate life and participate in outdoor activities.

For over 100 years, the Dartmouth Outing Club has provided a service connecting the students of Dartmouth with the New Hampshire wilderness to benefit both. I congratulate the students and alumni associated with the Dartmouth Outing Club on the occasion of their 100th anniversary. I have visited Dartmouth's campus, and the wilderness around there is absolutely stunningly beautiful both in New Hampshire and Vermont, which is just across the river. I think it is worthy of support, and I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

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

Ms. HIRONO. Once again, I congratulate the Dartmouth Outing Club. At a time when environmental and outdoor issues in protecting our wilderness are such major concerns to so many of us, especially the young people, I thank them for their 100 years of leadership in these areas.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 776, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the

rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1008) honoring the contributions of Catholic schools, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1008

Whereas Catholic schools in the United States are internationally acclaimed for their academic excellence, but provide students with more than an exceptional scholastic education;

Whereas Catholic schools ensure a broad, values-added education emphasizing the lifelong development of moral, intellectual, physical, and social values in young people in the United States;

Whereas the total Catholic school student enrollment for the 2008–2009 academic year was nearly 2,200,000 and the student-teacher ratio was 14 to 1;

Whereas Catholic schools teach a diverse group of students;

Whereas nearly 30 percent of school children enrolled in Catholic schools are from minority backgrounds, and nearly 15 percent are non-Catholics;

Whereas Catholic schools produce students strongly dedicated to their faith, values, families, and communities by providing an intellectually stimulating environment rich in spiritual, character, and moral development;

Whereas in 2000, the Catholic high school graduation rate was 99 percent, with 80 percent of graduates attending four-year colleges and 17 percent attending two-year colleges or technical schools;

Whereas in the 1972 pastoral message concerning Catholic education, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops stated: "Education is one of the most important ways by which the Church fulfills its commitment to the dignity of the person and building of community. Community is central to education ministry, both as a necessary condition and an ardently desired goal. The educational efforts of the Church, therefore, must be directed to forming persons-in-community; for the education of the individual Christian is important not only to his solitary destiny, but also the destinies of the many communities in which he lives.";

Whereas the week of January 31, 2010, to February 6, 2010, has been designated as Catholic Schools Week by the National Catholic Educational Association and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops;

Whereas the Nation's Catholic schools emphasize the lifelong development of moral, intellectual, physical, and social values in addition to academic excellence;

Whereas Catholic schools educate a diverse group of students from all regions of the country; and

Whereas the theme for this year's Catholic Schools Week 2010 is "Dividends for Life—Faith, Knowledge, Discipline, and Morals"; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) supports the goals of Catholic Schools Week, an event co-sponsored by the National

Catholic Educational Association and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and established to recognize the vital contributions of the thousands of Catholic elementary and secondary schools in the United States;

(2) applauds the National Catholic Educational Association and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops on their selection of a theme that all can celebrate; and

(3) congratulates Catholic schools, students, parents, and teachers across the Nation for their ongoing contributions to education, and for the key role they play in promoting and ensuring a brighter, stronger future for this Nation.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) and the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. GUTHRIE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Hawaii.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, I request 5 legislative days during which Members may revise and extend and insert extraneous material on H. Res. 1008 into the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Hawaii?

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1008, which recognizes the contributions of our Nation's Catholic schools.

The Nation's first Catholic school was established in 1606 in present day St. Augustine, Florida. Since then, Catholic schools have become a critical part of America's education system. Today, the U.S. boasts more than 7,000 Catholic elementary and secondary schools that educate more than 2 million students from diverse ethnic, cultural, and religious backgrounds.

America's Catholic schools are an important education alternative for many families. Their private status provides them with the ability to implement rigorous curricula that incorporate moral values and ethics. Though not all of its students identify as Catholic, each one receives a quality education experience filled with academic rigor, character development, and spiritual lessons.

Catholic schools are known for their commitment to the academic and moral development of their students. Their students consistently demonstrate high levels of achievement. In 2000, Catholic high schools graduated 99 percent of their students, with the majority of these students continuing their academic careers at trade schools and other 2- and 4-year institutions. In the 2008/2009 school year, Catholic schools maintained a 14-1 student-teacher ratio, giving the students the benefit of a small classroom environment.

The week of January 31, 2010, to February 6, 2010, is designated by the Catholic Educational Association and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops as Catholic Schools Week.