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.

□

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.

□

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 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.

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.

□ 1415

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