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A RESOLUTION

Urging the United States Congress to reject the proposal to sell the facilities used to generate electric power marketed by the Southeastern Power Administration; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, a proposal has been made to the United States Congress to sell facilities used by the Southeastern Power Administration (SEPA) which is headquartered in Elbert County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, these facilities, which include nine hydroelectric dams, provide electric power and reservoirs for Georgia; and

WHEREAS, all of these facilities, operated by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, also provide the public and needed fish and wildlife resources, municipal, industrial, and agricultural water supplies, flood control, reservoir, and downstream recreational uses, and river water level regulation; and

WHEREAS, such proposed sale would give too little assurance that these assets will be administered with due consideration to the purposes of the facilities not related to power production, such as water supply, flood control, navigation, recreation, and environmental protection; and

WHEREAS, the revenue from the electricity generated by the hydroelectric dams exceeds the retirement obligations of the construction bonds and costs of operation and maintenance for these facilities; and

WHEREAS, many Georgians served by these facilities could likely experience significant rate increases in electricity and water as a result of this sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the members of this body urge the United States Congress to reevaluate the negative impacts of this proposal and avoid any transfer of federal dams, resources, turbines, generators, transmission lines, and related power marketing association facilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the presiding officer of the United States Senate, and members of the Georgia congressional delegation.

IN HOUSE, Read and Adopted February 2, 1996.

ROBERT E. RIVERS, JR.,
Clerk.

TRIBUTE TO RABBI MORTON F. YOLKUT

HON. ROBERT A. BORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 1996

Mr. BORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Morton F. Yolkut, who will become the new rabbi of the Shaare Shamayim-Beth Judah synagogue in northeast Philadelphia.

Rabbi Morton Yolkut was born in St. Louis, MO, and was ordained by the Hebrew Theological College of Skokie, IL. He holds a Bachelor of Arts cum laude degree from Roosevelt University in Chicago and a Master of Arts in American history from Northwestern University.

Prior to coming to Shaare Shamayim-Beth Judah, Rabbi Yolkut served as rabbi of Congregation B'nai David in Southfield, MI for 18

years. He also served as rabbi of Congregation Anshe Kanasses Israel in Chicago for 5 years. In Michigan, he served as vice president of the Michigan Board of Rabbis and was the Orthodox columnist for the Detroit Jewish News. Rabbi Yolkut also served on the Chaplaincy Commission of Sinai Hospital in Detroit and delivered papers on Jewish medical ethics to physicians and staff at local hospitals and conferences.

On a national level, Rabbi Yolkut is a member of the Rabbinical Council of America and an active member of the Federation of Traditional Rabbis. He serves on the national Rabbinic Cabinets of State of Israel Bonds, the United Jewish Appeal, the ORT Committee and the Jewish National Fund.

I am pleased to join the more than 700 families that comprise the Shaare Shamayim-Beth Judah congregation in welcoming Rabbi Yolkut to the Northeast Philadelphia Jewish community. I am sure he will serve his synagogue and his community with honor and distinction.

HONORING BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 1996

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, an organization which for years has been instrumental in the development of America's youth.

Through an array of programs, an expert staff, and a dedicated corps of volunteers, boys and girls clubs provide services to over 2 million children throughout this country. In doing so, boys and girls clubs instill in our Nation's children sound character and superior values. They provide a foundation from which the youth of today may become the leaders of tomorrow.

The future of America's children, however, remains precarious. In our society, children are confronted with the difficult task of overcoming many obstacles which threaten their development. Drugs and alcohol are ever present. Crime and violence are tragically abundant. Yet, Boys and Girls Clubs of America continued to steer children along the path of opportunity, hope, and success. For this I commend them. Their work is indeed a testament to what's right with America.

On September 20, 1995, Mr. Arnold Burns delivered remarks before a congressional breakfast which honored the Boys and Girls Clubs' Youth of the Year finalist. His comments were clearly indicative of the boys and girls clubs' commitment to serving our country's children. In recognition of this outstanding service, I respectfully submit that his remarks be entered into the RECORD.

1995 CONGRESSIONAL BREAKFAST

(By Senator Thurmond)

Representative Steny Hoyer, Mr. George Grune, the Chairman of the Board, Mr. Robbie Callaway, the Senior Vice President, Melvin Laird, Arnold Burns, one of the outstanding lawyers of this nation, Judge Freeh, all of the distinguished guests, and ladies and gentlemen, I'm very honored to be here on this occasion. Now, as a Senator, there are a lot of events you are asked to attend. I'm always pleased to attend this breakfast. It's the twelfth year.

I'm a strong believer in the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. There's no more important resource than our children. Boys & Girls Clubs of America work to help protect and promote that resource. This is an organization that is making a difference in the lives of tens of thousands of at risk teens. It provides parks and recreational activities, a safe haven from the mean streets, teaches kids the importance of work and responsibility, works to get kids into schools, into jobs, off welfare roles, out of public housing and away from the temptations of a life of crime.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of America is an organization on the move, serving more children each year. Thirteen years ago, they served approximately one million kids. This year, they are serving more than 2.2 million boys and girls. More than 1,700 clubs are in the United States. Last year, they averaged an opening of one new club every three days. This is a group that seeks continued growth. By the year 2001, the Boys & Girls Clubs of America aims to have 1,000 new clubs, 1 million new members, over 3 million kids involved in productive activities.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of America is one of the most effective organizations in the nation for supporting our children. It is an organization worthy of the support of everyone in this room. As members of Congress, we are in the position to help the Boys & Girls Clubs and our children. We can support legislation that is beneficial to the Boys & Girls Clubs. One example is the current crime bill. The Boys & Girls Clubs of America is seeking 100 million dollars out of the crime bill over the next five years. The Board of Directors of the Boys & Girls Clubs will match that 100 million from the crime bill. That is 200 million dollars pumped directly into the future of our nation's children.

By attending this breakfast, each of you is demonstrating your support for a worthwhile cause. I urge you to continue to help the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. You can do nothing more worthy. We are proud of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and we're going to keep on working to make it bigger and stronger every year. Good luck, God bless you and God bless the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and God bless our country.

CONGRESSMAN STENY HOYER

One problem with the Strom and Steny show is that I have to follow Strom Thurmond. Thurmond and Hoyer, that sounds like a good name for a firm at some point in time. Strom's show has been running a lot longer than mine, as you know, but I'm always amazed at the energy, his commitment and the verve that he brings to life and the endeavors which he undertakes. And Senator, I want you to know what an honor and privilege it is to co-chair this breakfast on a continuing basis with you. George Grune, your leadership is critically important. General Burns, you've seen General Burns up here, he looks a lot like Colin Powell. I asked him if he was running for President. He's got those four stars on his lapel, here. I'm sure it's got to have something to do with that. He is outranked, of course, at his table by Secretary Laird and the Secretary is keeping him in line, luckily, so they'll be peaceful. Pete Silas, thank you for all you've done and your leadership. We look forward to working with you on a continuing basis. My friend, Robbie Callaway. I think we ought to give Robbie Callaway a big round of applause for the outstanding leadership he brings to this effort on a regular basis. Ken Gordon is here today, too.

Six or seven of the top law enforcement officials in our nation are here. We have Louis Freeh and a group of his distinguished colleagues. They're the ones who lock up and help convict those who break the laws in our