

Mr. Speaker, I am very happy to join the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MILLER) on House Resolution 193, a resolution which reaffirms the spirit of cooperation between the Census Bureau and Congress, and establishes a public partnership between us.

This partnership is vital because, though the Bureau is doing a very fine job in preparing for the 2000 Census, it truly is a huge undertaking which deserves the support it can receive from any sector.

Just to give an idea of the scale of the 2000 Census, it will be the largest peacetime mobilization ever conducted by our country. It will count approximately 275 million people and 120 million housing units across this Nation. In order to carry out this massive operation, the Census Bureau will have to process 1.5 billion pieces of paper, and it will have to do this in a very short time period. To conduct the 2000 Census, the Bureau will have to fill more than 860,000 temporary positions. They will have to hire more people than are in the Army.

In a very real sense, the 2000 Census has already begun. The forms are being printed and transported across the Nation. The Bureau plans to open 520 local Census offices. One hundred thirty of those are already open, and the remaining 390 are leased and will be open on a flow basis through the beginning of next year.

Every Member of Congress needs to do all they can to encourage this partnership with the 2000 Census from their newsletters, from public service announcements, to participating in local forums.

One new program the Bureau has developed for the Census, which I think is particularly effective, is Census in the Schools. More than 50 percent of all those not counted in 1990 were children. The Census in Schools program aims to help children learn what a Census is and why it is important to them and their families and their community at large. The program also aims to increase participation in Census 2000 by engaging not only the children but their parents, so that they will fill out the Census forms. It will also help recruit teachers and parents to work as Census-takers.

Mr. Speaker, State, local, and tribal governments, as well as businesses and nonprofit organizations, have become partners with the Census Bureau in the effort to make the 2000 Census the best ever.

The constitutionally-mandated Census we take every 10 years is one of the most important civic rituals our Nation has. It determines the distribution of over \$185 billion in Federal aid. It determines the distribution of political and economic power in our country for a decade. I urge every Member to actively participate in making it a success.

ENCOURAGING MEMBERS TO JOIN IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CENSUS BUREAU TO ACHIEVE AN ACCURATE CENSUS

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

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in agreement with my colleague, the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. MALONEY). We have had our differences over the past 2 years with the Census issue, but this is one time we are now coming together, as we are so close to our decennial census, which has just about 6 months to go.

Our goal is common: We want to have the most accurate count, and count everybody living in this great country as of April 1 of the year 2000.

Tonight I rise to discuss an important program of the Census Bureau. That is a bipartisan congressional partnership with the Bureau to promote the participation in the 2000 decennial census. It is just 6 months away, and the Bureau will undertake the largest peacetime mobilization in the Nation's history, conducting the 2000 Census.

This massive undertaking deserves our support at the local level. The key to ensuring a successful census that counts everyone in America is outreach and promotion in every neighborhood. Broad-based participation in the Census must start from within our communities. The Census Bureau must use every effort possible to promote participation in the Census. While the Census Bureau does this in several ways, I am here to talk about one of the more important ways I feel the Census Bureau promotes the Census, and those are the partnerships.

The Census Bureau is in the process of forming partnerships with hundreds and thousands of groups, organizations, and individuals from all sectors of the population and all sizes, ranging from Goodwill Industries to local places of worship. It is only fitting and proper that Congress join with these groups across the Nation by partnering with the Census Bureau, and that is why I am speaking here this evening.

This proposed partnership with Members of the House of Representatives seems to me to be one of the most logical partnerships of all. These partnership programs are designed to utilize the resources and knowledge of the local partners, and who knows better the local area and the problems the Bureau may face than Members who serve those districts?

Moreover, there are 435 Members in this House who worked tirelessly for our districts, and most of us go home every weekend to work very hard for the people who elected us as their representatives. We know what it will take to have a successful Census in our districts, and what better way to serve these very people than promoting the Census and helping them get the most accurate count possible?

After all, the decennial census distributes over \$180 billion in Federal

funds annually. The Census tells us where schools, roads, and lunch programs are most needed. We as representatives owe it to our constituents to make sure they receive the services they need. The best way to do this is through promoting participation in our districts. This is not a Republican issue or a Democratic issue, this is an American issue.

Tomorrow we will be celebrating the kickoff of this vitally important partnership. The gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. MALONEY) and her staff have been working very hard to make this partnership between the Bureau and the House of Representatives a success.

Tomorrow, Director Kenneth Prewitt will be holding a briefing for Members only to explain this partnership program and answer any questions they have. I urge all of my colleagues to attend the briefing tomorrow to learn more about this partnership program and how Members can get involved in their own districts.

I think Members will find the Bureau has put together a comprehensive set of activities that Members can easily take back to their districts to increase public participation. Following the briefing, we will hold a press conference to unveil House Concurrent Resolution 193, a resolution that affirms a partnership between the Census Bureau and the House of Representatives. House Concurrent Resolution 193 recognizes the importance of achieving a successful census, encouraging groups to continue to work towards a successful census, reaffirms our spirit of cooperation with the Census Bureau, and asserts a public partnership between Congress and the Bureau of the Census.

While we may have had our differences in the past, the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. MALONEY) and I have joined forces to introduce this legislation, which merits broad-based bipartisan support. The decennial census is a cornerstone of our democracy, and it is vital that all Members of Congress, Democrats and Republicans alike, publicly support activities to enhance public participation.

I encourage my colleagues to cosponsor House Concurrent Resolution 193 and to bolster congressional presence during tomorrow's activities.

REVISIONS TO ALLOCATION FOR HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, PURSUANT TO HOUSE REPORT 106-288, TO REFLECT ADDITIONAL NEW BUDGET AUTHORITY AND OUTLAYS FOR EMERGENCIES

The Speaker pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. KASICH) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. KASICH. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Sec. 314 of the Congressional Budget Act, I hereby submit for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD revisions to the allocation for the