

First, pursuant to Section 8002 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the Committee designated the following members to serve on the Joint Committee on Taxation for the 107th Congress: Mr. Thomas, Mr. Crane, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Rangel and Mr. Stark.

Second, pursuant to Section 161 of the Trade Act of 1974, the Committee recommended the following members to serve as official advisors for international conference meetings and negotiating sessions on trade agreements: Mr. Thomas, Mr. Crane, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Rangel and Mr. Levin.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM M. THOMAS,
Chairman.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS AS OFFICIAL ADVISERS TO UNITED STATES DELEGATIONS TO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES, MEETINGS, AND NEGOTIATION SESSIONS RELATING TO TRADE AGREEMENTS DURING FIRST SESSION OF 107TH CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to section 161(a) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2211), the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to be accredited by the President as official advisers to the United States delegations to international conferences, meetings, and negotiation sessions relating to trade agreements during the first session of the 107th Congress:

Mr. THOMAS of California,
Mr. CRANE of Illinois,
Mr. SHAW of Florida,
Mr. RANGEL of New York, and
Mr. LEVIN of Michigan.
There was no objection.

DESERT STORM CEASE FIRE

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, 10 years ago today 600,000 American servicemen and women fought to preserve the tenets of democracy and freedom in the Middle East.

Tomorrow marks the 10th anniversary of the cease fire ending Desert Storm, a military campaign that showed America's continued commitment against totalitarian aggression.

As an Air Force pilot during Desert Storm, I proudly served under the leadership of President George Bush, General Colin Powell and General Norman Schwarzkopf.

Their vision created a new model of global power that has sent our potential adversaries scrambling for alternative solutions rather than military aggression.

Yet the true heroes of Desert Storm were the men and women who fought with great courage and honor. 10 years ago, the strength of our Nation and Armed Forces successfully liberated Kuwait from Saddam Hussein's rule of terror. Today, let us remember the commitment and ideals that led our Nation to victory.

PASS H.R. 305, LEGISLATION CREATING AN AGENCY TO MONITOR THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, for 16 years FBI agent Robert Hanssen allegedly stole 6,000 top secret documents and sold them to Russia. Now if that is not enough to rape the Statue of Liberty, the FBI said Hanssen did that all by himself. Unbelievable. I say if Hanssen did that all by himself, I am a fashion leader.

Hey, enough is enough. It is getting so bad, China is buying elections. Laptops with top secrets are disappearing into thin air. Now FBI agents are selling our secrets. Beam me up.

Even a seeing eye dog can smell the fact that we need to pass H.R. 305 and create an agency to monitor the Department of Justice who investigates themselves and never finds any wrongdoing. My God, this is out of hand.

I yield back the fact that the FBI should be looking into FBI agent James Maddak, Sacramento, California, and his activities and urge an investigation.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Any record votes on postponed questions will be taken after debate has concluded on all motions to suspend the rules, but not before 5 p.m. today.

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING DALE EARNHARDT

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 57) recognizing and honoring Dale Earnhardt and expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives to his family on his death.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 57

Whereas Ralph Dale Earnhardt was born in Kannapolis, North Carolina, on April 29, 1951;

Whereas Dale Earnhardt was the son of Martha and the late Ralph Earnhardt and brother of Danny Earnhardt, Randy Earnhardt, Kaye Snipes, and Cathy Watkins;

Whereas his father, Ralph Earnhardt, a pioneer of the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR), introduced Dale Earnhardt to the sport, and Dale began racing Hobby-class cars in and around Kannapolis, working full-time welding and mounting tires during the day and either racing or working on his cars at night;

Whereas, upon the death of his father in 1973, Dale Earnhardt followed in his footsteps, becoming a professional race car driver;

Whereas Dale Earnhardt made his Winston Cup debut in 1975 and was named Rookie of the Year in 1979, his first full season of racing;

Whereas Dale Earnhardt earned his first Winston Cup Championship in 1980, becoming the first driver to win Rookie of the Year honors and the Winston Cup Championship in successive years;

Whereas Dale Earnhardt had an extraordinary career as a NASCAR driver, was named Driver of the Year five times, and is tied with Richard Petty for the most Winston Cup Championships, with seven titles;

Whereas Dale Earnhardt won 76 career races, including the 1998 Daytona 500;

Whereas Dale Earnhardt lived and worked in Mooresville, North Carolina, and his racing and related businesses contributed much to the employment, business development, and prestige of Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Davidson, Iredell, Lincoln, and Rowan counties in North Carolina;

Whereas Dale Earnhardt, nicknamed the Intimidator, was a fierce competitor, an exceptional driver, and a legend in his sport;

Whereas Dale Earnhardt was always known for his kindness and friendliness to his fans and community;

Whereas Dale Earnhardt was a loving husband to his wife, Teresa, and an exemplary father to his sons, Dale Jr. and Kerry, and daughters, Kelley and Taylor;

Whereas Dale Earnhardt was a man of strong faith and had on his dashboard a citation from Proverbs 18:10, "The name of the Lord is a strong tower, the righteous runneth into it and is safe.";

Whereas Dale Earnhardt was one of the most respected drivers for his achievements on and off the track and in the words of his son, Dale Jr., "stands as an example of what hard work and dedication will achieve. He praises God, loves his family, enjoys his friends."; and

Whereas Dale Earnhardt died in a crash during the final lap of the Daytona 500 on February 18, 2001, prompting Bill France, Jr., Chairman of NASCAR's board of directors to declare, "NASCAR has lost its greatest driver in the history of the sport." : Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes Dale Earnhardt as one of the greatest race car drivers ever to participate in the sport of racing and for his many contributions to the Nation throughout his lifetime, and honors him for transcending the sport of racing to become a role model as both a talented competitor and as a loving husband and father; and

(2) extends its deepest condolences to the family of Dale Earnhardt.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. STEARNS). Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MICA) and the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MICA).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H. Res. 57.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I doubt that there has ever been a day in American sports history as full of rapidly changing emotions as we experienced at this year's Daytona 500 race. Millions of NASCAR fans watched as Michael Waltrip won his first victory in 463 starts as Dale Earnhardt, Jr. finished a very close second.

Both cars were owned by racing legend Dale Earnhardt. But back coming out of turn four, the familiar black numbered car three of Dale Earnhardt himself was sitting motionless after striking hard into the wall in a multi-car accident. Jubilation for Michael Waltrip's victory rapidly turned to concern for Dale. Sadly, the worst fears of millions were confirmed that evening when NASCAR President Mike Helton announced, "we've lost Dale Earnhardt."

Mr. Speaker, the man NASCAR Chairman Bill France called NASCAR's "greatest driver" was dead. With this resolution today, the House of Representatives recognizes Dale Earnhardt as one of the greatest drivers ever to participate in the sport of racing and for his contributions to the Nation throughout his lifetime.

It honors him for transcending the sport of racing to become a role model as both a talented competitor and also as a loving husband and father. The resolution also expresses our very deepest condolences to Dale's family.

Mr. Speaker, it is hard to overestimate the impact Dale Earnhardt had on the sport of auto racing. He was well known as "the Intimidator." He was a fiercely competitive driver who would, in the words of NASCAR driver Jimmy Spencer, and I quote, "race you just as hard for the 20th as he would for the win."

His accomplishments are familiar. He won seven NASCAR Winston Cup titles and three IROC championships.

He was motorsports' leading all-time money winner, and sixth on the career Winston Cup victories list, with 76, and was closing in on Terry Labonte's record of 655 consecutive starts.

But this list of accomplishments really does not convey the respect that other drivers and racing experts held for Dale Earnhardt's skill.

They talked about his so-called car control, about how he could save his car when others would have wrecked. They said he was so good that he could, as they have been quoted, "see the air." Nor does it convey the affection that so many held for this fierce competitor.

Jimmy Spencer has said "there were two Dale Earnhardts; the Dale Earnhardt that raced you for every inch on the track, and the Dale Earnhardt who cared about making people happy." Dale Jarret called Earnhardt "the greatest driving talent NASCAR has ever seen," but chose to remember him, as I would like to quote, "for his caring and giving personality."

His popularity among those involved in NASCAR, as well as with racing

fans, was demonstrated when, after many years, Dale finally won the Daytona 500, NASCAR's most prestigious race. The Intimidator drove to the victory lane amidst the outstretched hands of virtually every member of his competitors' teams as they lined up to cheer him.

Richard Childress, for whom Dale Earnhardt raced for almost 20 years, reminded us that Dale, and I quote, "was a loving husband and a proud father and grandfather."

Mr. Speaker, I have the great honor and privilege of representing the most famous auto raceway in the world, the Daytona Beach Speedway. At Daytona a week ago this past Sunday, racing fans and the Dale Earnhardt family lost their hero.

From Daytona Beach to Kannapolis, North Carolina, from our Atlantic to Pacific shores, Dale Earnhardt's sudden death made us all pause. Over and over, millions of Americans and fans throughout the world have viewed those television clips of that crash.

Having seen Dale Earnhardt survive much more ferocious-looking wrecks made it even more difficult to accept his lost.

□ 1415

While his legend still lives, Dale Earnhardt has taken his place in history. Many may race, but no one will ever match the fame or admiration this man has achieved. That admiration is reflected in the tributes, not that I just cited, but the tributes I have seen across our country in the past few days, not just the words of people in high places, but in the small shop marquees, on local business signs and handmade placards throughout our land.

Our only consolation is that, as Dale's son has said, his dad went to be in a better place. I somehow know that this is true having personally witnessed Dale and other race car drivers in their pre-race gatherings and driver meetings. I remember them well, particularly in Daytona.

What struck me as I observed these racing stars in these pre-race sessions was not a rowdy, boisterous racing group, but a prayerful gathering of gentlemen, many surrounded by their family. We saw this past week that faith, those same family members and countless fans who came most respectfully together to honor his memory.

I believe Dale Earnhardt would be as proud of the way he has been remembered as we are as proud of his memory.

Mr. Speaker, our hearts go out today to Dale's wife Teresa and to Dale's family as they grieve the loss of this remarkable man. I encourage all Members to support this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

The Earnhardt family has a passion for race car driving. Dale Earnhardt's

father Ralph was a pioneer of the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing. Ralph Earnhardt died at age 45 of a heart attack while working on a race car. Dale's son, Dale Earnhardt, Jr., is also a race car driver. It sure runs in the family.

It is regrettable that Dale, Sr. died while pursuing his passion, racing his familiar No. 3 black Chevrolet in a pack of cars in the Daytona 500.

Earnhardt, known as the Intimidator for his blunt demeanor, his push-broom mustache, and his steely, unrelenting driving style left behind an extraordinary record of achievement: 76 career wins over 26 years, 7 Winston Cup championships, more than \$40 million in career earnings.

Dale Earnhardt was one of the best known stock car drivers our country has ever seen. He may become even better known as the catalyst that made NASCAR driving a safer sport.

Earnhardt's death, which may have been attributed to a broken lap belt, has led some drivers to question how NASCAR investigates fatalities and addresses safety concerns. With NASCAR's fourth fatality in 10 months, drivers seem eager to take an active role in making sure stock car racing is as safe as it is enjoyable to millions of Americans.

When hearing of Dale Earnhardt's death Bill France, Jr., Chairman of NASCAR's Board of Directors, declared NASCAR has lost its greatest driver in the history of the sport.

NASCAR and stock car racing fans have lost a legendary race car driver, and they may gain inspiration to ensure that it never happens again.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HAYES), a sponsor of this resolution.

(Mr. HAYES asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sorrow but with great honor to rise before my colleagues today and to speak about a man that I had the privilege of knowing. The North Carolina delegation has joined unanimously together to honor the life and the accomplishments of Dale Earnhardt, and we will hear from a number of our Members.

I was asked particularly by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. COBLE), who is unable to be here, to relay his best wishes, condolences to the Earnhardt family. He has been detained at a charitable event.

I would like to identify myself with the remarks of the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MICA) and thank the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) for her kind remarks.

Thousands and thousands of people were touched by Dale Earnhardt. One of the things that has come out of this week of mourning and memorialization are a number of facts. On Dale

Earnhardt's dashboard was Proverbs 18:10, which says, "The name of the Lord is a strong tower. The righteous run to it and are safe." This was on his dashboard, placed there by another driver's wife. This is what Dale Earnhardt believed. As the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MICA) said, his faith was a tremendous part of his life, his career, and his witness to the public.

He has left unmatched marks on history for his skill as a driver, his reflexes, his coordination. He could do things with an automobile that no one else could do. He was said to be able to manage an ill-handling race car better than anyone else who has ever driven. It has been remarkable this week in Kannapolis and Concord, the home of Dale Earnhardt, the outpouring of sympathy, of grief, but again of celebration for what this man, his family and the sport stands for.

Last week, a memorial service was held in Charlotte for the NASCAR family. It was very, very remarkable. The chaplain of Motor Racing Outreach, which is the ministry of NASCAR, gave a wonderful testimony about the man who is often known as the Intimidator, but the man whom, when he met the first time, he met as the father, the father of a daughter Taylor, son Dale, Jr., Kelley. Also he has a son who was at the memorial service on Sunday night, Kerry, in Kannapolis.

But, again, telling the story about Dale Earnhardt gave more about the life of the man than any of his racing career, which is remarkable in and of itself. He knew the Father. As Dale Beaver said, he has gone to a better place to be with that Father because he knew the Son. The Son was the relationship that he had that made it possible for him to be with the Father.

As that service closed, Dale Beaver said to the audience, which covered millions by television, do you know him, the Son that Dale knew? Hundreds, thousands of people have come to know Christ because of Dale Earnhardt's witness even in his passing.

One sports writer even said many, many people are going to want to go to heaven now so they can get to meet Dale Earnhardt.

It was a remarkable service Sunday night. 5,000 people gathered at the Kannapolis baseball stadium to pay homage to a fallen NASCAR hero. A man whose son said he praises his God, he loves his family, and he enjoys his fans, a remarkable, remarkable witness.

The gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON) was here a moment ago. As I left the stadium that night, a man and his wife in the parking lot next to me were from the district of the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON). The folks on the other side were from Florida. They came from everywhere, again, to pay homage to a man whose honesty, integrity, straightforward speaking of the truth speaks volumes of his life, but gives us examples as we go forward

regardless of who we are and what we do, examples of the kind of leadership we can exhibit because we have either known him or known of him.

My sympathies to his family and my regards to all of those who know and remember Dale Earnhardt.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. ETHERIDGE).

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding me this time and the chairman for bringing this resolution forward. Mr. Speaker, let me thank the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. WATT) and the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HAYES) and other Members of our delegation who have worked on it. It is important.

Just a little over a week ago, our national conscience was shocked at the loss of a person who can only fittingly be described as a true legend and a great North Carolina son. Our shock and dismay were increased by the untimely death of a man who had really defied death many times.

Dale Earnhardt was more than a hero to the racing world. He was and will remain a true inspiration to countless people, many whose lives may be very humble but who aspire to great things.

The story of Dale Earnhardt is a story of the American dream. Dale Earnhardt knew what every American is taught: If one works hard, plays by the rules and remains committed to one's faith, one's family and one's community, one's dreams are only limited by the size of one's imagination.

Dale Earnhardt dreamed at an early age that he would race cars when he grew up, just like his daddy had, and on the dirt tracks of eastern North Carolina, that dream came true. Dale Earnhardt dreamed that one day he would join the Winston Cup series; and in 1979 he did, finishing that year with rookie of the year honors.

Dale Earnhardt dreamed of winning, and he did, winning 76 times. He dreamed of winning the Winston Cup championship, the true test of season-long endurance for a stock car racer; and that dream was fulfilled seven times.

Dale Earnhardt dreamed of winning racing's version of the Super Bowl, and he realized that dream in 1998, when he finally won the big one that had alluded him, the Daytona 500.

Dale also had big dreams for his family, and he was proud of all of his children. But, you know, he must have been especially proud to have had two of his sons follow him into racing, just as he had followed his father into the sport.

If my colleagues did not know the Intimidator and do not know him, or if they do not follow NASCAR, they may not understand the loss that so many millions of Americans are feeling today. Because of his humble roots, competitive drive, the size of his desire and his dreams, and his personality, and because of the success this com-

bination brought to him, his family and his sport, his loss has touched a chord throughout the Nation much like the loss of Elvis Presley did to an earlier generation of Americans.

But our thoughts and prayers continue to be with the Earnhardt family. Because so many people want to express their sympathy and grief, I placed condolence books outside my office just yesterday, and over 75 people have signed it. I will do another one in the Speaker's lobby for the Members, Mr. Speaker.

Much like the official State tree of North Carolina, the Loblolly Pine, Dale Earnhardt will always stand tall and proud, an inspiration to every American who dreams big dreams, races to win, and reaches for the stars.

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentlewoman from North Carolina (Mrs. MYRICK).

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my colleagues, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MICA) and the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HAYES) for bringing this forward.

I rise today in sorrow like everyone else, but, yes, also to honor one of North Carolina's greatest citizens, Dale Earnhardt. He was a true original. There was only one of him. A lot of people said that about him. He probably will go down in history because he has been known throughout the world as one of the greatest race car drivers ever to get behind the wheel of a stock car.

His talents may never be matched and his achievements may not be paralleled, but his winning attitude both on and off the track is one that really was contagious for so many people. His glory in race cars was important, but I think the fact that he was such a fantastic role model for so many people is what we really need to focus on.

I did know Dale Earnhardt, and I saw him touch many lives. He inspired so many people because he showed them that you can, with perseverance and determination, become anything you want in today's world. You can live your dreams. You can accomplish your goals.

He never let his fame get in the way of his work ethic or in what he did for the community. He did have enormous success, but he did not forget his roots where he came from, and he never compromised his beliefs.

□ 1430

He encompassed the whole sport. And today, with what goes on in sports, we do not see NASCAR drivers who are in and out of drug rehab, or who are fighting over contracts or some of the other things that go on. They live good lives and are good role models for most of the people in this country, and they also dedicate their lives to their passion. They have taught the rest of us about what it is to have true devotion not only to sports but to our faith.

Dale Earnhardt was a leader, and the memory of his Number 3 black Chevrolet is going to inspire fans for years

to come. But I think ultimately his greatest legacy may be that he inspired so many people who never have attended an automobile race or maybe never will. But today they have been inspired by Dale Earnhardt.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER).

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, 10 days ago, America lost one of its legends with the death of Dale Earnhardt at the Daytona 500. In the best tradition of NASCAR racing, in the tradition of Junior Johnson and King Richard, Richard Petty, we lost a hero. We lost a person who understood competition maybe better than anyone we have ever seen; a person who understood that every day was about going out and seeing whether or not he could be a winner.

Dale Earnhardt won 76 times over these 26 years. He won seven Winston Cup championships. And it was for that reason that he was called "the Intimidator," because everyone knew, if they tuned in to a NASCAR race, if the Number 3 was still on the track toward the end of the race, he was going to spend all his time trying to figure out how to win that race. It did not matter if he was down a lap or if he was in the back of the pack; everyone knew he was going to try to edge his way forward. Sometimes he did it by bumping people gently, sometimes he bumped people roughly; but the fact was he felt it was open for anyone to win that race.

He was not a great fan of managed competition or people deciding the rules and the regulations under which NASCAR would be run. He did not like the restrictors, the aerodynamic restrictions on design. He thought it ought to be just raw competition, as those people who went before him in the NASCAR races. That is why he was a hero to millions and millions of people in this country and all over the world.

That is why when I called my son to talk about the accident afterwards, he talked of how he and his wife sat there with tears in their eyes as they realized that he had died. And other members of our family who had been great fans of his over many, many, many years suffered the loss along with his family and all of his fans.

Yes, we truly lost a great hero. We truly lost a wonderful role model and example for so many people about playing every day for real and about competing in the best form and with great gusto. We will miss the Number 3. We will miss the Intimidator. But we know he leaves us a legacy, and all of those drivers who follow him, as with his son, Dale Earnhardt, Junior.

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. GOODLATTE).

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

The loss of Dale Earnhardt, Mr. Speaker, is a devastating tragedy to his family, his fans, and the sport of auto racing. The seven-time Winston Cup champion's death cuts deeper because he died while trying to be a good friend, father, and boss.

Dale personified what NASCAR is about. His career spanned more than 2 decades and included 676 races, 76 victories and 70 second-place finishes. He ran his first Winston Cup race at Charlotte Motor Speedway on May 25, 1975, starting 33rd and finishing 22nd. He got his first full-time ride in 1979 and scored his first victory on April 1 of that year at Bristol, Tennessee. Earnhardt was rookie of the year that year and its champion the very next season.

Dale helped move the sport of auto racing from a Southern tradition to a mainstream American sport. It will continue that way. His presence in the sport set a standard of excellence that may never be reached again. His spirit will dwell on the race tracks and the garages and with the fans forever.

Dale Earnhardt will likely go down as one of the greatest competitors and drivers throughout NASCAR history; but he was also a husband, a father, and grandfather, as well as a friend to many. He will be greatly missed and all of our deepest sympathies are with the entire Earnhardt family.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. WATT), the author of the resolution.

Mr. WATT of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding me this time, and let me correct at the outset her statement. This has been a joint effort from the very beginning; and I want to thank my colleague, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HAYES), from the adjoining congressional district, for placing the marker that brings this resolution to the floor today and for working with us to get the resolution in a form where both of us thought that it was worthwhile and a good idea.

I also want to thank the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. COBLE) in particular. Because while Dale Earnhardt was born in the district which the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HAYES) represents, and lived in my congressional district, he had his primary place of business in the congressional district of the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. COBLE). So this has really been a joint effort of the three of us.

But that is also an understatement, because all of our colleagues, from North Carolina in particular, have a special feeling about what this is all about; and we want to thank all of the representatives from North Carolina for joining as cosponsors of the resolution, and I want to thank all of my colleagues who have come to the floor and/or have called to express support for the resolution.

I want to start, however, with another facet, because several people

have also called me and said why is this important enough to come to the floor of the House. I want to address that issue, because I am not sure that people really understand why this is so important. It is obviously important, and we extend our sincere condolences to Dale Earnhardt's mother, Martha, to his wife and to his brothers and their children. This is important to them. Our hearts go out to them because they have lost a member of their family.

My colleagues would never have believed the other people around this family who, once they heard about the accident, lined up at the place of business, went to the Charlotte Motor Speedway and were just there building impromptu memorials to this hero. So in a special sort of way Dale Earnhardt has an extended family that is unbelievable.

If my colleagues look at the contents of the resolution, they can see that he lived in Mooresville, North Carolina, which is in my congressional district; but his racing and related businesses contributed much to the employment, business development, and prestige of Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Iredell, Rowan, Davidson, and Lincoln Counties in North Carolina.

Think about this sport, which has become such an exciting sport for so many people all across America. There is not another single event that brings the number of people to our area of the State as the World 600 race, with 160,000 to 180,000 people coming to observe this sport and that race; coming into the neighborhood, coming into these counties that surround the Charlotte Motor Speedway and making a major financial contribution to our geographic area.

A lot of people have thought of racing as having a singular kind of appeal to one group of people. But let me tell my colleagues that I attended my first race more than 20 years ago and I found out what attending a race of this kind is like. I have sat in the stands with the fans, where everybody around me has become a part of my family for that afternoon while participating in that event. I have sat in the box, where there is an air of excitement there that is just unbelievable, in addition to the business that it brings to the community.

But we need to go beyond even that. Because for those people who think that this sport is raw and for the unsophisticated, I have also visited the shops of some of these race drivers where these cars are prepared. There I found the most exquisite, advanced technology and the tightest specifications that NASCAR imposes on these automobiles in those shops. So while the perception may be out there that this sport is for the good old guys, let me dissuade my colleagues of that notion. This is fast becoming America's sport, much like basketball, much like football. It has taken its place alongside of these, and this is an important event.

Of all of that background, now, let me take this one individual and elevate him, because along with Richard Petty, Dale Earnhardt was kind of the superstar of this sport. Much like Michael Jordan and Wilt Chamberlain became the superstars of basketball or there are recognizable names in football, Dale Earnhardt became the hero and recognizable name in this sport. And so we honor him particularly for that reason.

But then there is another component to it. I picked up a newspaper, *The New York Times*, over the weekend, and on the sports page there was this touching article about how Dale Earnhardt had touched the life of Rodney Rogers, who is a professional basketball player with the Phoenix Suns when Rodney Rogers was attending Wake Forest University in North Carolina. Dale Earnhardt reached out to him and they became friends. So there is a special feeling between sports that this hero has generated.

□ 1445

That feeling, that persona, that individual, that father, that brother, that son, has permeated this whole sport. The loss of this individual is a tremendous loss to our area. From everything I am hearing from my colleagues now, they also recognize that it is a tremendous loss to America. We honor Dale Earnhardt. We extend our condolences to his family and to the racing family through this resolution.

Farewell, Dale Earnhardt.

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

I want to express the sorrow and condolences of this side of the aisle, and I know that Dale Earnhardt's family has the condolences of this entire House. I want to express that sentiment especially to Dale's family and to his millions of fans.

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

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, I want to commend both the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HAYES) and the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. WATT) for introducing this resolution. I also want to take a moment to thank the chairman of our full Committee on Government Reform, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON); the gentleman from Florida (Mr. SCARBOROUGH), who is chairman of the Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization; as well as the ranking members of the full committee and subcommittee, the gentleman from California (Mr. WAXMAN) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS), for expediting consideration of the resolution today.

Mr. Speaker, there is really little that we can do to ease the pain of the Earnhardt family, but I hope they will look upon today's House action as well as the outpouring of support from fans and friends across the Nation as evidence of how the man they loved and

who loved them elevated this sport to new levels and touched the lives of so many who never even met him. I hope it will offer some consolation to them in their time of grief and help them to look back on their life with Dale with pride on his many accomplishments and also the knowledge that he meant so much to so many. I urge all Members to support this resolution.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, as cochair of the Congressional Motor Sports Caucus, I want to express my strong support for the resolution before the House today, which honors the life and accomplishments of Dale Earnhardt, Sr., who lost his life on the last lap of the Daytona 500 on February 18.

Dale Earnhardt was arguably the greatest driver in NASCAR history. He was Rookie of the Year in 1979, won his first Winston Cup Championship the very next year, and won six more championships by 1994, tying the record held by Richard Petty for most career titles. He won a remarkable 76 races in his lifetime, yet it wasn't until 1998 that he finally conquered the Daytona 500.

Known by such names as Ironhead, the Man in Black, and the Intimidator for his take-no-prisoners style of driving, Dale Earnhardt was a force to be reckoned with on race tracks across America. I recently saw an excerpt from an interview he gave, where he commented on the dangers associated with stock car racing. He said, "Do you want to race, or don't you? I want to race." These 12 words sum up Dale Earnhardt's philosophy about his sport.

Stock car racing continues to be one of the most popular spectator sports in America, and no one had more to do with that than Dale Earnhardt. His black number 3 Chevy Monte Carlo and distinctive signature are known not only in the United States, but worldwide. Fans across this Nation have been honoring Dale Earnhardt's achievements and mourning his tragic death. It is appropriate that the House of Representatives join them as we pass this resolution today.

As we commemorate the life of a NASCAR legend, I offer my condolences to the family, friends, and many fans of Dale Earnhardt. I urge all my colleagues to join me in supporting the resolution.

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to join my colleagues in expressing sadness over the loss of racing legend, Dale Earnhardt. My district has the honor of having the California Speedway in Fontana, CA, a \$120-million state-of-the-art facility that participates in the NASCAR Winston Cup Series.

Dale Earnhardt was a true legend in the NASCAR Winston Cup Series where he won seven titles. I join California Speedway President Bill Miller in expressing deep sadness in this tragedy and send my thoughts and prayers to his family and friends.

I also wish to send my regrets to the millions of racing fans in California and throughout the world. It is apparent by the makeshift memorial at the site of the crash and the outpouring of grief since the accident, that Dale Earnhardt made an impact on the sport of racing and its fans.

I think we all agree that a true American hero was lost on that final lap of the 2001 Daytona 500.

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, one week ago, the Nation watched stunned as one of its

favorite sons, Dale Earnhardt, died in a tragic accident at the Daytona 500.

Representing a small portion of the city that hosts the famous Daytona 500, I have witnessed the coming of age of racing, as it spread from rural America to the suburbs to the cities. Daytona Beach entertains more than 8 million visitors every year, and no small number of them comes to the city to see the most famous NASCAR speedway.

While racing has only recently mushroomed in popularity, bringing new and vibrant personalities into everyday lives, Dale Earnhardt has been legendary in racing circles for more than 25 years. He was a pioneer in a pastime that has become as much a part of popular culture today as baseball.

I had the pleasure of meeting Dale Earnhardt when I served as Grand Marshall for the Pepsi 400 in 1994. Though known as the Intimidator, I found him to be easy-going and warm. Before the race, he took the time to show my daughters and me all the fun, behind-the-scenes secrets of racing. And, afterward, when he had won the race and had even collapsed from heat and exhaustion, he put me immediately at ease with his friendly sense of humor.

Racing fans have watched Dale Earnhardt nurture his family before their eyes, passing his love of racing along to his son, Dale, Jr., who now carries on his father's legacy. His skill on the racetrack and his easy-going charm will be sorely missed. His family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the resolution that pays tribute to the seven-time NASCAR Winston Cup Champion, Dale Earnhardt. Not was Mr. Earnhardt one of the most talented drivers NASCAR has ever seen, he was also a strong role model for our country's youth. His untimely death was a shock to our constituents and a great loss to our country and the NASCAR community.

Dale Earnhardt's recent death has deeply saddened the people of our community as it has the people from across the country. On February 22, 2001, more than 500 citizens of my district gathered at our local NASCAR facility, the Sears Point Raceway, in Sonoma, CA, to pay tribute to his memory. Braving both thunderstorms and hail, these fans honored his life and his achievements. This service included an eight-by-four-foot poster board that was signed by race fans from all over Marin and Sonoma. In addition caps, pictures, flowers, and notes were left by fans in his honor. Future events have been planned at the raceway to honor his memory and they will contribute all of the proceeds from the sale of his souvenirs this season to Speedway Children's Charities in Mr. Earnhardt's name.

The loss of a legend like Dale Earnhardt will be felt by members of Marin and Sonoma counties for many years to come. I believe the words of Sears Point Raceway president and general manager Steve Page best sum up the sentiments of our local community:

Dale Earnhardt may have been the most talented driver ever to climb in a stock car, but his loss will be felt well beyond the racing community. Dale was one of the most distinctive personalities in the world of sports. His image as a fierce competitor, as the relentless pursuer in the black car personified the qualities that have characterized history's greatest athletes. These were no fans more passionate or loyal than Dale Earnhardt fans.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of all NASCAR fans across the nation, and especially those who have enjoyed Mr. Earnhardt's time racing at Sears Point Raceway, I send our deepest sympathies to his family.

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to one of racing's greatest heroes, Dale Earnhardt, who was tragically killed in the last lap of the Daytona 500.

Dale Earnhardt is tied for the most Winston Cup Championships with seven. A five-time Driver of the Year, Earnhardt also won a total of 10 Winston Cup victories in my district at Talladega Superspeedway.

A tenacious competitor, he was loved by his fans and respected by all.

But more important than his achievements on the track was his commitment to his faith and to his family. He was a loving father and grandfather, and was known for his caring and giving personality. Our prayers go out to his family and friends in this difficult time.

I'm sure you will agree, Mr. Speaker, along with racing fans around the world, that Dale Earnhardt nudged and bumped his way to the front of our hearts.

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Dale Earnhardt. His untimely death last week at age 49 has shocked not only the racing world but the world at large.

A native of Kannapolis, NC, Earnhardt was born into a racing dynasty. His father, Ralph, was a legendary race car driver who won NASCAR's 1956 national championship in the Late Model Sportsman division, and Earnhardt dropped out of high school to follow in his father's footsteps.

He started on the short dirt tracks in the Carolinas that made his father famous, working his way up through the ranks of NASCAR. He ran his first Winston Cup race at the Charlotte Motor Speedway on May 25, 1975, and by 1979 he was driving full-time. His first victory came on April 1, 1979, at Bristol, Tenn.

That year proved to be a banner year for the man who would later come to be known as "The Intimidator." Named the Winston Cup rookie of the year in 1979, Earnhardt became its champion the following season. During the next 15 years, he continued to amass Winston Cup titles, eventually tying racing legend Richard Petty with seven.

But Earnhardt's accomplishments weren't measured by titles alone. He was a successful team owner, who died fending off the pack at Daytona so that his friend Michael Waltrip—who was driving an Earnhardt car—could win the race. He raised four children, and passed his love of racing onto his two sons, Kerry and Dale, Jr., both of whom compete today. And his trademark black No. 3 Chevrolet became synonymous with all the adrenaline and excitement of a NASCAR race.

Off the race track, Earnhardt's contributions often went unheralded. Rarely did anyone learn about the seed he bought for destitute farmers, the car parts he loaned to rival racing teams or the comfort he gave to other racers in times of despair.

Colleagues, please join me in celebrating the life of Dale Earnhardt, a cultural icon whose impact on the world of racing may never be fully known.

Mr. WICKER. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues and the millions of fellow Americans who mourned the loss of NASCAR Racing legend Dale Earnhardt in extending my condolences to the family, as well as to his racing

crew and fans. Dale was from Kannapolis, NC, but could have lived in any small town in America as your next door neighbor. His departure from racing will no doubt be felt in the NASCAR community, for years to come. The nation lost a sports superstar on February 18, 2001.

Much has been written about Dale Earnhardt. Indeed, his life was one of triumph over tremendous odds. He met Americans in their living rooms each Sunday and gave them opportunities to cheer; we all knew that if Dale was in the lineup he would be at the front of the pack at some point during the race. His passion for racing, love for the sport, seven-time Winston Cup Points champion and 76 race wins made him simply the best.

A constituent in Mississippi may have summarized Dale when he said ". . . he made you smile, made you laugh, made you shout for joy, and broke your heart."

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of this resolution to honor the life of Dale Earnhardt and express Congress' condolences to his widow, Teresa, his four children, and the rest of his family.

On Sunday, February 18, 2001, at the age of 49, Dale Earnhardt died as a result of injuries sustained in a crash on his final lap of the Daytona 500. Throughout his stellar career as one of the most beloved NASCAR drivers in history, Earnhardt shared his gift and entertained millions of Americans. On behalf of the thousands of Delawareans who are NASCAR and Dale Earnhardt fans, I am grateful to have this opportunity to recognize Dale Earnhardt for his many accomplishments, including his many races in Dover, Delaware.

Considered an international hero in the world of race car driving, Earnhardt won the Winston Cup championship seven times, tying for the all-time record as he accumulated 76 career wins including the Daytona 500 in 1998. At Dover Downs International Speedway in Delaware, he finished in the Top 10 in 25 of his 44 races, and earned first place three times, including a sweep of the 1989 events. This past weekend Dover Downs opened its gates to give Delaware fans the opportunity to gather at the Start-Finish line, pit area, and Victory Lane, along with a special prayer service in honor of Earnhardt. Earnhardt's personal appeal stems from his humble beginnings, as he worked his way up by tinkering with cars in the garage his father had built in the barn behind the family's home in Kannapolis, NC. Innate ability and pure determination earned him the nickname "The Intimidator" on his way to conquering the racing world.

Unlike other superstars, Earnhardt was a man to whom dedicated NASCAR fans could relate. He was a regular guy, driving a pickup truck and always seen sporting jeans and sunglasses. By his appearance, one would never know he was one of the most financially successful athletes in the nation.

Mr. Speaker, Dale Earnhardt's death is a great loss not only to the world of NASCAR, but to everyone who admires hard work and determination. However, we can take solace in his own words. He told reporters once, "I'm a lucky man. I'm telling you, I have it all. The Lord's looked after me, I reckon." Race fans in Delaware and across the Nation will never forget Dale Earnhardt.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join with my colleagues in honoring

the legacy of Dale Earnhardt. The death of Dale Earnhardt is heartbreaking for millions of racing fans around the world. My district is home to the Michigan International Speedway which is located in Brooklyn, MI, and I speak for thousands of my constituents in expressing my deepest sympathy to Dale's wife Teresa, his mother Martha, and his children—Kerry, Dale, Jr., Kelley, and Taylor Nicole.

In countries all over the world, the name of the man referred to as "The Intimidator" is known. To some in the United States, he represented what this country was all about. He came from the barest of essentials in his hometown of Kannapolis, NC, and grew up doing what his dad did—race cars. He came from having almost nothing to having most everything he could ever want. He was proof of the American dream.

But as we all know, Dale was more than just a racing legend. He was an individual respected by all who ever came in contact with him—a role model who inspired thousands of young Americans. Athletes in other sports would be wise to follow Dale's model of what a champion is supposed to be. Our society needs more role models like Dale Earnhardt and while the racing community will never fill the void left by the loss of Dale Earnhardt his legacy will be carried on by the thousands of Americans he inspired over the years.

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the life of NASCAR hero Dale Earnhardt. Mr. Earnhardt had one of the most remarkable careers in the history of motor sports. I join my colleagues to express my deepest sorrow at his untimely passing. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Teresa, as well as his mother, Martha, and his four children: Kerry, Kelley, Dale, Jr., and Taylor Nicole; and to all of his family, friends and fans at this difficult time in their lives.

"The Man in Black", "The Intimidator", "Ironhead" all of these nicknames for a man who lived the American Dream by rising to the top of his field from humble beginnings. He was a man who seemed destined to become a race car driver. Dale Earnhardt was born April 29, 1951, in Kannapolis, NC, where the streets were actually named after automobiles—the Earnhardts lived on Sedan Street. The son of NASCAR champion Ralph Earnhardt, Dale Earnhardt began his own pro racing career in 1975 at the age of 24. He was named NASCAR's rookie of the year in 1979. The following year he won his first Winston Cup championship, the only driver in history to win a series championship following his rookie year.

Mr. Earnhardt won an impressive seven NASCAR Winston Cup Series titles and had 76 Winston Cup victories, making him sixth on the list of all-time wins. He also has the distinction of being motor sports all-time leading money winner.

I was proud to help bring the great Texas Motor Speedway to my hometown of Fort Worth, Texas in 1997. Since this tragedy, the Texas Motor Speedway has commissioned a special Dale Earnhardt flag. The flag is designed around his famous number "3". That flag now flies in memoriam as thousands of NASCAR fans leave cards, flowers and balloons as they mourn their fallen hero. Again, my heart goes out to Dale Earnhardt's family and to all those who are grieving his passing. Mr. Earnhardt will truly be missed, but his spirit will live with us forever.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. STEARNS). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MICA) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, House Resolution 57.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. MICA. 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, rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

ESTABLISHING A DAY OF CELEBRATION IN HONOR OF DR. DOROTHY IRENE HEIGHT

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 55) expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established a day of celebration in honor of Dr. Dorothy Irene Height.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 55

Whereas, for nearly half a century, Dr. Dorothy Irene Height has been a leader in the struggle for equality and human rights;

Whereas Dr. Height founded the Center for Racial Justice, served as President of the National Council of Negro Women and the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, and held several leadership positions with the Young Women's Christian Association of America;

Whereas, under the leadership of Dr. Height, the National Council of Negro Women achieved tax-exempt status, developed model programs on topics ranging from teenage parenting to eradicating hunger, and established the Bethune Museum and Archives for Black Women, the first institution devoted to the history of black women;

Whereas Dr. Height conceived of and organized the Black Family Reunion Celebration, which is now in its eleventh year and has had 14,000,000 participants;

Whereas Dr. Height has worked with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Roy Wilkins, Whitney Young, A. Phillip Randolph, and others to prevent lynching, desegregate the Armed Forces, reform the criminal justice system, and provide equal access to public accommodations;

Whereas Dr. Height has served as a participant at conferences hosted by the United Nations and the President of the United States;

Whereas the distinguished service and contributions of Dr. Height to making the world more just and humane have earned her more than 50 awards and honors from local, State, and national organizations, and from the Federal Government, including the Spingarn Medal from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Clinton, and induction into the National Women's Hall of Fame;

Whereas Dr. Height has received more than 24 honorary degrees from educational institutions worldwide; and

Whereas the life of Dr. Height exemplifies a passionate commitment to the realization

of a just society and a vision of a better world: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes Dr. Dorothy Irene Height as a valiant advocate and crusader for human rights; and

(2) acknowledges the more than 6 decades of distinguished leadership and service of Dr. Dorothy Irene Height.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MICA) and the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MICA).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on House Resolution 55, the legislation before us.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have before the House for consideration House Resolution 55, legislation introduced by the gentlewoman from California (Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD).

Mr. Speaker, this legislation honors the work of Dorothy Height. Throughout her career, Dr. Height has been recognized as a leader in the struggle for equality and human rights for all people. As president of the National Council on Negro Women, Dr. Height has an outstanding record of accomplishments. Under her leadership, the council developed model programs on topics ranging from teenage parenting to eradicating hunger and established the Bethune Museum and Archives for Black Women, which was the first institution devoted to the history of black women.

Dr. Height organized the Black Family Reunion Celebration which is now in its 11th year with over 14 million participants. Dr. Height's contributions have earned her more than 50 awards and honors from every level, local, State and national organizations. For her tireless efforts on behalf of the less fortunate, President Ronald Reagan presented her the Citizens Medal award for distinguished service to the country in 1989.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to encourage all of the Members of the House to support this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Dynamic, committed, engaging, steadfast. These are only some of the many words that come to mind to describe Dr. Dorothy Height, a tireless champion of women, children, civil rights, peace and justice. For nearly half a century, Dr. Height has been a leader in the struggle for equality and

human rights. In 1935 as a caseworker for the New York City welfare department, Dr. Dorothy Height became the first black person named to deal with Harlem rights and thus emerged, as a very young woman, into public life.

She quickly became one of the young leaders of the national youth movement of the New Deal era. When Dr. Height was serving as assistant director of the Harlem YWCA in 1937, Mary McLeod Bethune, founder and president of the National Council of Negro women, asked Dr. Height to join her in her quest for women's rights for full equality and employment, that is to say, equal employment, pay and education.

That was the beginning of Dr. Height's dual role as YWCA staff and NCNW volunteer, integrating her training as a social worker and her commitment to rise above the limitations of both race and sex. Dr. Height was elected national president of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority in 1947 and ushered in a new era of organizational development.

During the 1960s, she worked closely with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Roy Wilkins and others to prevent lynching, desegregating the Armed Forces, reform the criminal justice system and secure the landmark civil rights legislation.

In 1957, she assumed the presidency of the National Council of Negro Women. As president, she has brilliantly led a crusade for justice for African American women and has both conceived and organized the Black Family Reunion Celebration which has been held here in Washington and in cities throughout the country since 1986.

Dr. Height is now chair and president emerita of NCNW. She has worked tirelessly in the international arena with UNESCO, USAID and as a representative of numerous world meetings, conferences and missions. As a recipient of more than 25 honorary doctoral degrees and countless awards, Dr. Height continues more than six decades as a public servant in every sense of the word as a dream giver, as an earth shaker, and as a crusader for human rights.

Mr. Speaker, that is my official statement. If I may, I would like to offer a personal statement, because Dorothy Height reminds me every time I see her that she has moved from New York City; and she is now my constituent. And what a constituent she is to have. This resolution marks half a century of unique work for human rights, for all the people of the world, from an extraordinary woman.

February is Black History Month, so it is appropriate to celebrate the life and work of Dorothy Height. March is Women's History Month; and we could equally have celebrated Dr. Height's work next month, for this is a woman who has managed to make history in two identities at once, as an American woman and as an African American.

You will hear her extraordinary accomplishments in detail momentarily.