A RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN
LOVING MEMORY AND HONOR OF
WILLIAM ANDREW CANNON
HON. MARY BONO
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, March 20, 2002

Mrs. BONO. Mr. Speaker, The most promi-
nent glory of a country is in its great men. A
nation’s spirit and its success will depend on
its willingness to learn from their example. In
life we shall find many men that are great, and
some men that are good, but very few men that
are both great and good. William Andrew
Cannon was such a man.

With respect and admiration, we pay homage
and tribute to William Andrew Cannon, and we pause in silent reverence for
his soul.

Whereas, William Andrew Cannon was born
on August 26, 1929, a native of Sweeny, Texas,
and longtime resident of the State of
Mississippi, and he traversed these earthly
bounds on February 28, 2002; and

Whereas, William Andrew Cannon was the
devoted husband of Lucy de Porcada de
Biaix, a member of the Italian aristocracy,
whom he married on the Isle of Capri in 1945;
he is the loving father of two, and a
daughter, Tina Jennie, and he was the
pride grandfather of six grandchildren,
Carlo, Cristel, Francesco, Elena, Lauren, and
Guglielmo; and

Whereas, William Andrew Cannon gradu-
ated from Corinth High School in Corinth,
Mississippi in 1938, and he attended Western
Kentucky University School of Business in
Bowling Green from 1938 to 1941, after
which time he became a managing partner of
the Van Bibber Lumber Plant in Fulton,
Mississippi, before joining the United States Air
Force to serve in World War II; and

Whereas, William Andrew Cannon served
his country with pride and distinction during
World War II; he was a pilot, stationed in
Foggia, Italy, from 1943 to 1946, and he held
the rank of 1st Lieutenant with the 463rd
Bombardment Group of the United States
Air Force; and

Whereas, William Andrew Cannon was born
in Naples, Italy, where he worked as Mainte-
nation for his extraordinary heroism and
abilities in skill, devotion, courage, and
determination in facing intense enemy oppo-
sition over the skies of Germany and
Eastern Europe, flying gallantly through
wing formation to reach designated tar-
gets; and

Whereas, William Andrew Cannon, receiving
an honorable discharge in May 1946, was the
recipient of the Second Presidential Unit
Citation for his extraordinary heroism and
outstanding performance of duty in military
operation against the enemy at Ploesti on
May 18, 1944, and at the Daimler Benz Tank
Works in Berlin on March 24, 1945; and

Whereas, William Andrew Cannon, upon
being discharged from the United States Air
Force in 1946, returned to the Van Bibber
Lumber Plant in Fulton, Mississippi, serving
as a partner until 1954, before joining the
United States Department of Defense in 1955
in Naples, Italy, where he worked as Mainte-
nance Control Engineer for the Naval
Communication Mediterranean as Facility
Manager, and he retired from that
post on March 31, 1990; and

Whereas, having received numerous awards
for his outstanding service, William Andrew
Cannon, at the time of his retirement, also was
the recipient of the Department of the Navy’s