with a better understanding of the structure and evolution of the universe.

Whereas Shuttle Mission STS–93 is the first mission in the history of the United States space program to be commanded by a woman:

Whereas women continue to be underrepresented in the science, engineering, and technology fields;

Whereas the selection of Colonel Eileen Collins as the first female space shuttle commander has raised the level of awareness and appreciation of women’s contributions in the advancement of science; and

Whereas Colonel Eileen Collins’ accomplishments in the United States space program have made her a role model for women pursuing an education and career in scientific fields: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representa-
tives—

(1) congratulates the crew of Shuttle Mis-

tion STS–93 and honors Colonel Eileen Col-

lins on being the first female commander of a United States space shuttle;

(2) recognizes the important contribution Colonel Eileen Collins has made to the United States space program and to the ad-

vancement of women in science; and

(3) invites Collins and the crew of STS–93 to the United States Capitol to be honored and recognized by the House of Representatives for their achievements.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. LEACH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1094, as amended, as fast as possible?

The motion to suspend the rules is agreed to by the yeas and nays: The yea’s are: For the bill, 393; Against it, 1415.

The question was taken; and (two-

thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LEACH. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield the balance of my time.

Mr. LEACH. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the bill just passed.

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

There was no objection.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE WITH REGARD TO SHUT-TLE MISSION STS–93, COMMANDED BY COLONEL EILEEN COLLINS, FIRST FEMALE SPACE SHUTTLE COMMANDER

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. 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. 267.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, last Tuesday evening, Space Shuttle Columbia touched down at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida. The crew of Space Shuttle Columbia completed an important mission. A few short hours after launch, shuttle mission STS–93 successfully deployed the Chandra X-ray Observatory. With the launch of Chandra, we begin to explore the universe in new and exciting ways.

Chandra will allow us to examine the hot, turbulent regions in space with images nearly 25 times sharper than previous X-ray pictures. The scientific promises that Chandra holds are far reaching and will have a significant impact on our understanding of how our universe operates.

Yet beyond the scientific accomplishments of the recent shuttle mission, we rise today to celebrate a new turning point in history. STS–93 is the first-ever shuttle mission commanded by a woman, U.S. Air Force Colonel Eileen Collins. Colonel Collins has downplayed her role as the first female space shuttle commander. In her mind, she represents the best in service to our Nation.

In reality, Colonel Collins has emerged as a role model for all young women who aspire to one day follow in her footsteps or to pursue careers in other scientific fields. However, Mr. Speaker, a young girl watching the recent nightly news coverage of Colonel Collins’ flight will not be able to command her own space shuttle flight unless she acquires the science and math skills necessary to succeed as an astronaut in the U.S. space program.

So in order to preserve orderly markets, to respond to Y2K problems and other events that may occur of an unusual nature in the history of monetary policy, it is prudent to, in fact, have these alternative and new instruments to offset and use as collateral.

Mr. Speaker, I yield balance of my time.