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THE COLUSA BASIN WATERSHED
INTEGRATED RESOURCES MAN-
AGEMENT ACT OF 1999

HON. DOUG OSE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 1999

Mr. OSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Colusa Basin Watershed Integrated Resources Management Act of 1999.

The Colusa Basin drainage area consists of 1,036,000 acres—1,620 square miles—in northern California within Glenn, Colusa and Northern Yolo Counties. The Colusa Basin Drainage District embodies more than 600,000 acres of the Sacramento Valley, spanning from Knights Landing in the south to Orland in the north, with the Sacramento River and the Sierra foothills forming the east and west boundaries.

Flooding in Colusa Basin causes approximately \$4.9 million in property damage each year. In 1995, a major flood did an estimated \$100 million in damage to private and public property. The costs of these floods are borne by residents, local agencies and the Federal Government. Large-scale traditional flood-control methods are not cost effective in the Basin. Instead, local authorities are focused on small-scale structural and non-structural flood control remedies that would produce flood protection at a reasonable cost and have the added benefit of being environmentally acceptable.

The Colusa Basin and the Bureau of Reclamation have jointly developed an integrated plan that would provide flood protection for cities and agricultural areas by reducing peak runoff flooding along streams; capture storm water for local uses, groundwater recharge, and wildlife purposes; improve water quality; reduce land subsidence; and improve the quality and quantity of fish and wildlife habitat in the region.

The program includes the construction of 11 small, off-stream, environmentally sound foot-hill reservoirs and 10,000 acres of new wetlands and riparian habitat. This bill is supported by a wide range of interests, including local farm bureaus, cities and counties in the Colusa Basin, irrigation districts, the CALFED Bay-Delta program and conservation groups such as the California Waterfowl Association, among others.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this bill, and build upon the bipartisan coalition of cosponsors committed to improving flood control, water quality, and wildlife habitat in northern California.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 1999

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I would appreciate having the following statement printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD in the appropriate place: Mr. Speaker, on March 16, 1999, I was returning from Moscow where I participated in meetings with leaders of the Russian Duma as part of a Congressional Delegation trip led by my colleague, the Honorable CURT WELDON. The purpose of our trip was to discuss missile defense issues and specifically H.R. 4. As a result, I missed Rollcall votes 51, 52 and 53. Had I been present, I would have voted YES on all three votes.

Rollcall No. 50—H.R. 891, Federal Maritime Commission Authorization Act.

Vote—"Yes."

Mr. Speaker, the Maritime Commission provides needed protections for U.S. shippers and carriers through its oversight and licensing activities. I support this bill which allows the Commission to improve services, address the Y2K computer problem, and continue its mission.

Rollcall No. 52—H.R. 774, Women's Business Center Amendments Act.

Vote—"Yes."

Mr. Speaker, I support H.R. 775 which will allow more women to benefit from the Women's Business Center program currently operated by the Small Business Administration. This measure simplifies matching fund requirements and increases authorization levels for the program making it easier for communities to establish centers that will educate and encourage small business growth.

Small businesses in this country exemplify the true meaning of what is called the "American Dream". This measure takes another step toward preserving that dream by encouraging more Americans to start their own business.

Rollcall No. 52—H. Con. Res. 25.

Vote—"Yes."

Mr. Speaker, I recently met with Prime Minister Netanyahu and other Israeli leaders who are working in earnest to gain a peaceful solution along the West Bank. These efforts include negotiations about the formation of a permanent Palestinian State.

Recent statements by PLO Leader Yasser Arafat, regarding his willingness to declare an independent Palestinian State along the West Bank, are threatening those fragile negotiations. Should Mr. Arafat follow through on his statement, he will be violating the Oslo accords and dragging the peace process towards hostility. I support this non-binding resolution expressing the sense of Congress that decisions about the Palestinian controlled land along the West Bank must be made through the negotiation process. It also states that Congress opposes any attempts, outside of the negotiation process, to establish a Palestinian State. The agreements made through the peace process must be upheld by all parties involved.

TRIBUTE TO WALNUT CREEK
LIONS CLUB

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 1999

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, today I congratulate the Walnut Creek Lions Club as they celebrate their 75th Anniversary. Since its founding in April 1924, the Walnut Creek Lions Club has provided immeasurable services to the citizens of Contra Costa County. I am proud to honor them as they celebrate their 75 years of dedication to the betterment of their community and the world at large.

Mr. Speaker, as you may know, Lions are committed to sharing their success by helping those less fortunate than themselves. Created in 1917 by Melvin Jones in Chicago, Lions Clubs International now enjoys over 44,000 clubs worldwide, with a membership of 1.4 million in more than 185 countries. In 1925, Helen Keller challenged the Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness". Thus began the Lions Clubs' renown for their sight-related programs, including SightFirst, the world's largest blindness prevention program. The motto of every Lion, however, is simply "We Serve", which eloquently expresses the true mission of this community service club.

Please join me in recognizing the Walnut Creek Lions Club as they celebrate their 75th anniversary. Their service-minded spirit is inspirational and I am honored that they are a part of my constituency.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CON-
GRESS THAT A POSTAGE STAMP
SHOULD BE ISSUED HONORING
THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE JUNIOR LEAGUE

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 1999

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to announce the introduction of a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that a postage stamp should be issued honoring the 100th Anniversary of the Junior League.

One of my constituents, in Georgia, Ms. Martina Goscha, a dedicated and long time member of the Cobb Marietta, Junior League, brought this important issue to my attention.

The Junior League was founded in 1901, in New York City, by Mary Harriman. The Association was launched for those more fortunate in helping those more in need. Volunteers would work in settlement houses on New York's Lower East Side to improve child health, nutrition, and literacy.

The Junior League's efforts caught on, and in 1912 the Junior League expanded to Montreal. In 1914, the Junior League of St. Louis marched for women's suffrage and was active in World War I efforts by selling bonds and working in Army hospitals. In 1921, 30 Junior Leagues joined to form the Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI) to collectively advance their work.