

I support the resolution and urge my colleagues to join me in supporting it. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to join the sponsor, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), in supporting House Concurrent Resolution 47, and acknowledge the efforts of the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), who has been such a champion for his constituents for this event.

House Concurrent Resolution 47 authorizes the use of the Capitol grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby. Youngsters ages 9 through 16 construct and operate their own soap box vehicles. On July 10, 1999, these youngsters from the Greater Washington Area will race down Constitution Avenue to test the principles of aerodynamics.

Mr. Speaker, many volunteers donate considerable time supporting the event and providing this family-oriented, fun-filled day. The event has grown in popularity, and Washington is known as one of the outstanding race cities.

Mr. Speaker, I support House Concurrent Resolution 47, and I thank the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) for bringing forward the resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the distinguished gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER).

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. SHOWS) for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from Mississippi and Susan Brita in particular, not because the gentleman from Mississippi is not the most important as the ranking member but Susan Brita has been at this forever. We have worked closely with her and she knows much more about the soap box derby, I think, than anyone else on our side of the aisle. I know on the other side of the aisle there is great knowledge about it. I want to thank the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure committee for bringing this bill forward.

Mr. Speaker, the soap box derby is a tradition in America. It has become a tradition on Capitol Hill. Because it is Capitol Hill, we need to give authorization. Allowing this to occur on Capitol Hill is an appropriate action that we take every year, because this is the kind of event that makes Americans proud, it gives young people a sense of responsibility and enterprise and it gives them also a sense of competition, all of which will redound to their benefit and redound to the benefit of the Nation.

Again, I thank the committee for reporting this bill out in such a timely fashion, and I thank in particular Susan Brita who does such an extraordinary job for all of us.

Mr. Speaker, for the last eight years, I have sponsored a resolution for the Greater Wash-

ington Soap Box Derby to hold its race here on the Capitol grounds along Constitution Avenue.

Two weeks ago, I proudly introduced H. Con. Res. 47 to permit the 58th running of the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby, which is to take place on July 10, 1999. This resolution authorizes the Architect of the Capitol, the Capitol Police Board, and the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby Association to negotiate the necessary arrangements for carrying out the running of the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

In the past, the full House has supported this resolution once reported favorably by the full Transportation Committee. I ask for my colleagues to join with me, and Representatives ALBERT WYNN, CONNIE MORELLA, JIM MORAN, and FRANK WOLF in supporting this resolution.

Each year since 1992, the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby has welcomed over 40 contestants which has made the Washington, DC race one of the largest in the country. Participants range from ages 9 to 16 and hail from communities in Maryland, the District of Columbia and Virginia. The winners of this local event will represent the Washington metropolitan area in the national race, which will be held in Akron, Ohio on July 31, 1999.

The soap box derby provides our young people with an opportunity to gain valuable skills such as engineering and aerodynamics. Furthermore, the derby promotes team work, a strong sense of accomplishment, sportsmanship, leadership, and responsibility.

These are positive attributes that we should encourage children to carry into adulthood. The young people involved spend months preparing for this race, and the day that they complete it makes it all the more worthwhile.

I would like to thank BOB FRANKS, the chairman of the Public Buildings Subcommittee, and BOB WISE the ranking member for moving this legislation.

Much credit also goes to Chairman SHUSTER and Ranking Member OBERSTAR for being so supportive over the years. Finally, I would like to recognize Susan Brita who is such an asset to us all at the Public Buildings Subcommittee.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, the Soap Box Derby represents the best in "voluntarism", as volunteers from across the Greater Washington area, many of them parents of participating children, donate hours of time to provide an opportunity to learn, compete, and share in this family event.

Since 1992, this local event has tripled in size. Approximately 50 youngsters will join in the 58th running of the Soap Box Derby, here in Washington D.C., making this event one of the biggest in the country.

The 1997 super-stock DC winner came in second place at the national race.

Our thanks to the gentleman from Maryland, Mr. HOYER, for his attention to this event, and for his annual sponsorship of this resolution.

I support this resolution. Mr. SHOWS. Mr. Speaker, I have no additional requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by

the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. FRANKS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, House Concurrent Resolution 47, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 751, H.R. 130, H. Con. Res. 52, H. Con. Res. 50, H. Con. Res. 44, and H. Con. Res. 47, the measures just approved by the House.

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

There was no objection.

#### FEDERAL RETIREMENT COVERAGE CORRECTIONS ACT

Mr. SCARBOROUGH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 416) to provide for the rectification of certain retirement coverage errors affecting Federal employees, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 416

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Federal Retirement Coverage Corrections Act".

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Definitions.
- Sec. 3. Applicability.
- Sec. 4. Restriction relating to future corrections.
- Sec. 5. Irrevocability of elections.

#### TITLE I—DESCRIPTION OF RETIREMENT COVERAGE ERRORS TO WHICH THIS ACT APPLIES AND MEASURES FOR THEIR RECTIFICATION

Subtitle A—Employee Who Should Have Been FERS Covered, But Who Was Erroneously CSRS Covered or CSRS-Offset Covered Instead

- Sec. 101. Elections.
- Sec. 102. Effect of an election to be transferred from CSRS to FERS to correct a retirement coverage error.
- Sec. 103. Effect of an election to be transferred from CSRS-Offset to FERS to correct a retirement coverage error.
- Sec. 104. Effect of an election to be transferred from CSRS to CSRS-Offset to correct a retirement coverage error.