

student rams into them and they never have a chance to graduate and they never have a chance to go and provide the opportunities for themselves in this world.

So let me urge my colleagues to support this important resolution. The resolution of H. Con. Res. 371 by the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. RAMSTAD) hopefully will get a few people to be helpful in this area and maybe save many people.

Madam Speaker, I urge the adoption of this resolution.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. HORN) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 371.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### NATIONAL HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS AND RECORDS COMMISSION AUTHORIZATION

Mr. HORN. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4110) to amend title 44, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National Historical Publications and Records Commission for fiscal years 2002 through 2005, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 4110

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

#### SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS AND RECORDS COMMISSION.

Section 2504(f)(1) of title 44, United States Code, is amended—

- (1) in subparagraph (J), by striking “and”;
- (2) in subparagraph (K), by striking the period and inserting a semicolon; and
- (3) by adding at the end the following new subparagraphs:

“(L) \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2002;

“(M) \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2003;

“(N) \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2004; and

“(O) \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2005.”

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. HORN) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. TURNER) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. HORN).

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HORN. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 4110.

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

There was no objection.

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

Madam Speaker, H.R. 4110 would allow the National Historical Publications and Records Commission to continue its valuable work in helping to preserve the records of our Nation's history.

Since its formation in 1934, the commission, affiliated with the National Archives and Records Administration, has complemented National Archives' work in protecting vital American documents.

Unlike the National Archives, which maintains Federal records, the commission assists non-Federal historical societies, nonprofit organizations, universities, and State and local governments.

In 1964, the commission began funding independent archival projects through its grants program, which provide an invaluable service to the Nation through the maintenance of its historical records. These projects include family papers, manuscripts, and other electronic records. The commission has been instrumental in preserving the historical works of such great American leaders as George Washington, John Adams, Henry Clay, and Martin Luther King, Jr.

Last November, the commission awarded grants for 64 projects, totaling \$3 million. In addition, it proposed funding a 3-year, \$1.8 million initiative to help raise the level of archival expertise in the rapidly changing area of electronic record keeping.

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission is the only national grant-making organization in the Nation whose sole focus is the preservation and publication of America's documentary history. The 15-member commission supports the professional development of archivists, documentary editors, and record keepers through fellowships, institutes, conferences, workshops, and other programs.

In addition, the commission has undertaken a number of projects that focus on the records of underdocumented groups, such as Native Americans, African Americans, Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, and other ethnic and interest groups, such as the large Hispanic population in the United States, and various other social and political movements.

H.R. 4110 would reauthorize the appropriation of \$10 million, the same amount authorized for fiscal year 2001, for the National Historical Publications and Records Commission for fiscal years 2002 through 2005.

On April 4, 2000, the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology, on which the gen-

tleman from Texas (Mr. TURNER) and I serve, held a legislative hearing on H.R. 4110. On April 5, 2000, the subcommittee marked up the bill by a voice vote and referred it to the full Committee on Government Reform. On May 18, 2000, the Committee on Government Reform, by voice vote, ordered the bill favorably reported to the House for its consideration.

I urge my colleagues to support this important measure.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 4110, the legislation to reauthorize the National Historical Publications and Records Commission. This commission is the grant-making arm of the National Archives. It is charged with a very important role of preserving non-Federal records.

Every year grants are made to State and local governments, universities, libraries, historical societies, and other nonprofit institutions for the purpose of preserving important historical documents for years to come.

The Congress created this commission in the 1930s because it understood and recognized the importance of preserving American history, not only within the Beltway, but all across this United States. Proper and accurate historical documentation is essential to recording the history of our great democracy.

This commission has had an important job, and I am pleased to join with the gentleman from California (Chairman HORN) in cosponsoring this legislation which will reauthorize this appropriation through the year 2005.

The papers, the manuscripts and other artifacts preserved by grants from this commission define who we are as a people and as a Nation.

I want to commend Governor John Carlin, our National Archivist, for his leadership in this area. The former Governor of Kansas has done an outstanding job leading at the National Archives, and this grant program is one of the most effective tools that we have to continue the fine tradition of those who have worked diligently at the National Archives over our many years of history to be sure that we, as a Nation, preserve those things that are important to our heritage.

It is a pleasure for me to join with the gentleman from California (Chairman HORN), and I urge the House to adopt H.R. 4110.

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

Mr. HORN. Madam Speaker, I urge adoption of this measure, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr.