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ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, JULY 30, 2001

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday next for morning hour debates.

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

There was no objection.

PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY TO HAVE UNTIL 5 P.M. ON SATURDAY, JULY 28, 2001, TO FILE REPORT ON H.R. 2505, HUMAN CLONING PROHIBITION ACT OF 2001

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary may have until 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 28, to file a report on H.R. 2505.

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

There was no objection.

URGING SUPPORT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION

(Mr. PENCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, Tuesday at 1:39 p.m. the Space Shuttle Atlantis and its crew returned to Earth, successfully delivering and installing a new portal for spacewalkers, the International Space Station. On Monday of next week, we just learned, Mr. Speaker, that the debate over the future of NASA will land in this Chamber.

I rise today to urge my colleagues to remember that despite the fact that some of our forebears came to this continent in chains, all Americans are descended from a people who journeyed to or prevailed in this wilderness nation.

More than any other people on the Earth, we are a nation of explorers, and the debate next week will provide an important opportunity to restate this by providing resources for the International Space Station, for return vehicles and urgent repairs for the vehicle assembly building at Kennedy Space Station.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—HOUSE

July 3, 2001, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JOHN ROUSE, EDITOR OF THE BOWIE BLADE NEWS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. John Rouse. He is celebrating his 30th anniversary as the editor of the Bowie Blade News, a hometown newspaper located in Bowie, Maryland, in the heart of my district.

The first amendment states, and I quote, "Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of the press." This first tenet of freedom in the Bill of Rights is vigorously exercised by the thousands of hometown newspapers that act as watchdogs for the American public against intrusion on its rights and property by the government and by others.

Newspapers across the country observe elected officials' conduct and performance, reporting the facts and offering praise or criticism on their editorial pages. It is the prism by which many Americans gain their insight on just what is happening in the world, in America, and even right next door.

We lament the fact that sometimes they are wrong, as human beings are wont to do, but most times they are right. In any event, they are absolutely essential to the continuation, to the growth and the vitality of democracy.

Mr. Rouse, Mr. Speaker, has made an extraordinary contribution to his community by fulfilling this watchdog role in Bowie, Maryland, for 30 years. After serving in Vietnam as an Air Force officer, John joined the Bowie News as editor and became the editor and general manager of the new Bowie Blade News in 1978 when the two papers merged.

John reports issues fully and fairly and often shows his keen sense of humor. He is an adept writer, a skilled editor, and very much in tune to the needs, the hopes, and the vision of the people of Bowie. John's skills earned the Bowie Blade the 1999 Best in Show award by the Maryland, Delaware and D.C. Press Association, and his walls are covered by numerous other awards he and the paper have won over the years. The paper itself has received dozens of accolades under his stewardship.

Bowie, Mr. Speaker, is a vibrant community that has grown rapidly and changed greatly over the past 30 years. The city is in many ways a microcosm of the changes that have buffeted this country over the past few decades,