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HON. STENY H. HOYER
OF MARYLAND
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 3, 2001

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Second, it requires NOAA, in cooperation with State resource agencies and the scientific community to undertake a five year study to develop a multi-species management strategy. Let me give you an example of one of things they will investigate. Recently we have seen rockfish population, that was once on the brink of collapse, return. That is good news for the Bay and the watermen who now able to again fish for rockfish. The bad news is that the return of the rockfish may be a contributing factor to the decline of the blue crab stocks in the Chesapeake Bay.

The rockfish is a voracious predator that feeds on blue crab hatchlings. These hatchlings, who often lack sufficient habitat due to a loss of sea grass, are easy prey and are not surviving to breeding age. As we work to restore the Bay we need to develop a strategy that preserve and protect the delicate balance of this ecosystem. This study will give us the baseline information we need to rehabilitate one species without harming another.

The preservation of the Chesapeake Bay is a crucial investment that benefits all Americans. My thanks go to Mr. GILCHRIST, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. CUMMINGS, and Mr. WYNN for their leadership on this issue.

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Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to four outstanding gentlemen who will be inducted into the Mobile Sports Hall of Fame on April 12, 2001. I would like to recognize their extraordinary and tireless service to the people of the state of Alabama. These gentlemen’s perseverance and commitment have left a lasting imprint on Alabama sports history. They have cultivated a fine group of young men and women prepared to combat any of life’s challenges.

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Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join with my colleague SHELLY BERKLEY to introduce this concurrent resolution supporting National Children’s Memorial Flag Day.

This concurrent resolution supports the commemoration of the 4th Friday of each April as National Children’s Memorial Flag Day. In addition this resolution encourages national, State, and local agencies and private organizations to fly the Children’s Memorial Flag to remember the children lost to violence and to raise public awareness about the continuing problem of violence against children.

I support this bill nationally because of its successful observance in my Congressional district. In 1996, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors adopted the Children’s Memorial Flag Project, and established a National Children’s Memorial Day on the fourth Friday in the month of April to remember children who have died by violence. I want to commend Supervisor Gail Steele of Alameda County for her tireless work and dedication to get this resolution adopted. In addition, the California Assembly formally declared the fourth Friday in April as a statewide annual observance day. The Child Welfare League of America has adopted Alameda County’s Children’s Memorial Flag and promotes it nationally.

This Congressional resolution is particularly timely in the wake of the two school shootings in California at Granite Hills High School in El Cajon, California and Santana High School in Santee, California. Unfortunately, acts of violence against children happen far too often. According to the Child Welfare League of America, three innocent children die from abuse and neglect in the U.S. each day, and ten children die a day as a result of gun violence. In fact, more children lose their lives to criminal violence in the U.S. than in any of the 26 industrialized nations of the world.

We have lost far too many children in violent, preventable deaths. I encourage my colleagues in Congress to work with renewed resolve to ensure that our children have a full opportunity to become healthy and productive adults. Even one child lost is one child too many.

I urge my fellow members to support the National Children’s Memorial Flag Day concurrent resolution.

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In addition to his endeavors in coaching, Rhodes has taught Biology, Economics, American Democracy, American and World History at Mobile County Training School. Furthermore, Mr. Rhodes was a club sponsor, role model and surrogate for many of his students. He was a teacher who excelled above and beyond the call of duty to ensure that all the children received the attention they needed to succeed in school. He brought his expertise to Murphy High School where he served as an assistant principal. While there, Mr. Rhodes...