CONGRATULATING REPRESENTATIVE PUTNAM AND MELISSA PUTNAM ON BIRTH OF DAUGHTER ABIGAIL ANNA PUTNAM

(Mr. CRENSHAW asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I have some exciting news to share with my colleagues, and I think in a spirit of bipartisanship, we can all agree that this is, in fact, good news, because today the youngest Member of the House of Representatives, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. PUTNAM) and his wife Melissa became the proud parents of a baby girl.

Mr. Speaker, today Abigail Anna Putnam was born. She weighed 8 pounds and 4 ounces. She is 211/2 inches long, and they are still looking for the first sighting of that fire-engine red hair that the gentleman carries around with him.

Just as a word of history, I want my colleagues to know, first of all, that the mother and the daughter are doing well. The gentleman from Florida is a little shaky, but I think he is going to make it.

Abigail is the sixth generation Putnam to be born in Polk County, Florida, and her great grandfather, who is 92 years old, is so excited that he said he is probably more excited about the gentleman from Florida becoming a father than he was when the gentleman got elected to Congress.

I know that all my colleagues want to join with me in wishing the gentleman from Florida and his wife Melissa and their new baby Abigail a wonderful life together.

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. CRENSHAW. I yield to the gentleman from Indiana.

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding to me, and I want to add my congratulations to the growing congressional family, to Melissa Putnam for putting up with the gentleman from Florida (Mr. PUTNAM), and to the happiness. The knowledge that children are a reward from the Lord is something we are pleased to acknowledge, and we send prayers and best wishes, Mr. Speaker, to all of those who share that sentiment.

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. CRENSHAW. I yield to the gentleman from Virginia.

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I, too, rise to extend my congratulations from the Commonwealth of Virginia to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. PUTNAM) and Melissa Putnam on the birth of their baby and wish them much strength through the next couple of months of interrupted sleep.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Mr. SESSIONS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 107–113) on the resolution (H. Res. 179) providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2311, ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

Mr. SESSIONS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 107–114) on the resolution (H. Res. 180) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2311) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

MAKING IN ORDER CERTAIN MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2001

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that be in order at any time on the legislative day of Wednesday, June 27, 2001, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules relating to the following measures:

H. Res. 172, H.R. 2133 and H.R. 691.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ISAKSON). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SESSIONS)?

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on the motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Any record vote on the postponed question will be taken tomorrow.

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING YOUNG MEN’S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION ON ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY IN THE UNITED STATES

Mr. OSBORNE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 172) recognizing and honoring the Young Men’s Christian Association on the occasion of its 150th anniversary in the United States, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

Whereas 2001 is the 150th anniversary of the Young Men’s Christian Association (commonly referred to as the YMCA) in the United States;

Whereas YMCAs have touched the lives of virtually all people in the United States by pioneering various activities, including camping, public libraries, night schools, group swimming lessons and lifesaving, and teaching English as a second language;

Whereas YMCAs are dedicated to building strong youth, strong families, and strong communities;

Whereas YMCAs serve people of all ages, genders, incomes, and abilities through a wide variety of services designed to meet changing community and societal needs;

Whereas every day the more than 2,400 YMCAs in the United States live their mission through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all;

Whereas the YMCA invented the sport of volleyball;

Whereas YMCAs are collectively one of the largest providers of social services to the Nation’s families and communities, and YMCA programs serve nearly 18,000,000 people, including 9,000,000 children, in the United States each year;

Whereas YMCAs are collectively the Nation’s largest child care provider, and YMCA programs serve 1 in 10 teenagers in the United States and incorporate the values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility;

Whereas each YMCA is volunteer-founded, volunteer-based, and volunteer-led;

Whereas YMCAs have a long history of partnerships with other community organizations, including schools, hospitals, police departments, juvenile courts, and housing authorities;

Whereas YMCAs have provided war relief services since the Civil War, aiding millions of soldiers at home and abroad;

Whereas YMCA programs inspire a spirit of adventure and challenge individuals to learn new skills, try new activities, and explore other cultures, while being good citizens of their communities;

Whereas Father’s Day in its present form was created at a YMCA;

Whereas many organizations began at YMCAs, including the Boy Scouts of America, the Camp Fire Girls, the Negro National Baseball League, the Gideons, and the Toastmasters;

Whereas YMCAs helped found the United Service Organizations; and

Whereas the Peace Corps was patterned on a YMCA program: Now, therefore, be it

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.