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 21½ 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 putting 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.
which to revise and extend their remarks on H. Con. Res. 172, as amended. The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Nebraska?

There was no objection. Mr. OSBORNE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to bring to the floor this concurrent resolution recognizes and honors the Young Men's Christian Association, commonly known as the YMCA, on the 150th anniversary of its founding in the United States.

YMCA's are very much a part of the American landscape and history. The organization began in London, England, in 1844. And in 1851, the first YMCA in America was established in Boston, Massachusetts. The YMCA's presence in America has grown steadily to serve nearly 18 million individuals, including 9 million children annually. I imagine many of us have participated in or benefited from YMCA's service dating back to the Civil War. Over time, the YMCA had been associated with programs, including youth camping and the creation of volleyball and racquetball. Additionally, by the late 1990s, YMCAs were providing daycare for half a million children annually. The YMCA has provided learn-to-swim programs and has been connected to pools and aquatics for many years.

Throughout all of these programs, the YMCA promotes the values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. Its commitment to these values can be seen in its history of wartime service dating back to the Civil War, its commitment to the physical and spiritual well-being of the poor and unemployed during the Depression, and its current efforts to teach and reinforce good character in youth through after-school sports and activities.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate the YMCA on the anniversary of their 150 years of existence in America. They have a long history of exemplary service, and I believe we all benefit from the YMCA's existence.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in celebration also of the 150th anniversary of the YMCA's founding in America. The organization has a special place in my heart, because I had the privilege to serve as the president of the National Council of YMCA's of the USA from 1970 to 1973 and have been involved with the organization most of my adult life, beginning with my teaching career in the late 1950s. Newark's combined YMCA and YWCA has a special place in my heart, because I had the privilege to serve as the president of the National Council of YMCAs of the USA from 1970 to 1973 and have been involved with the Council of YMCAs of the USA from 1970 to 1973 and have been involved with the Council of YMCAs of the USA.

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Tonight we celebrate the many years of positive change the YMCA has had on our neighborhoods, towns, States and countries. My local YMCA, in Newark, New Jersey, opened its doors in 1881. Since its inception in 1881, the Newark Y has been an integral part of the Newark community.

The programs offered by the YMCA and YWCA assist Newark residents in their day-to-day lives. For example, the YWCA has affordable and safe housing options, in addition to state-of-the-art fitness facilities and educational programs.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.Con.Res. 172, which I introduced with the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PAYNE), my colleague, to honor the YMCA.

YMCA's have touched the lives of communities across our Nation by pioneering so many activities that we value; camping, public libraries, night schools, swimming lessons, lifescaving courses and teaching English as a second language. Over 2,400 volunteer-based YMCA programs across this Nation dedicate themselves to building strong youth, strong families and strong communities.

In fact, YMCA's partner with local schools, hospitals, police departments, juvenile courts and housing authorities to incorporate the needs of their own communities into the programs that they offer.

In my district, Montgomery County, Maryland, the YMCA's are invaluable to parents through both after-school care and summer camp programs. My constituents can avail themselves of programs at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase YMCA, Silver Spring YMCA, the Upper Montgomery County YMCA, and Camps Lusby, an exemplary summer camp.

Horizons is a good example offered at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase YMCA of a program that really works. This coed
program assists young people to develop more self-esteem, self-control and improved relationships with people their own age. Young who take part in Horizons develop self-reliance skills and experience what it means to excel. Today over a quarter of the Nation’s families are headed by single parents.

YMCA is often a helping hand, providing athletic activities, substance abuse programs that also deal with prevention and volunteer programs to increase the involvement of youth in community service. As the country’s largest provider of after-school programs, the kids see the YMCA as a home away from home.

In addition to providing a supportive and compassionate environment for children and adolescents, the YMCA cultivates innovation and new ideas. Our most recent holiday, Father’s Day, was celebrated by the YMCA. Quite frankly, the Boy Scouts of America, the Campfire Girls, and the Association for the Study of Negro Lives and History, those organizations began at the YMCA. Few organizations boast such creativity and responsiveness to the needs of communities around the Nation.

The YMCA not only charters new programs, but enters into the partnerships with other organizations. Schools, hospitals, and housing authorities work closely with YMCA programs to coordinate youth activities, and millions of soldiers at home and abroad have been aided by war relief services. Such innovations and partnerships make the YMCA the largest non-profit community service network in the United States.

The YMCA currently makes a difference in the lives of all over 17 million people. Our support for the continued good work of the Young Men’s Christian Association is vital as it has provided such a positive impact throughout the last 150 years.

I urge this House to join in honoring the YMCA for its unflagging impressive service to the United States, and I wish the YMCA well in their next 150 years of public service.

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

Mr. OSBORNE. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ISAKSON). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. OSBORNE) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 172, 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.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—HOUSE

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker’s announced policy of January 3, 2001, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

ANNOUNCING THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE LANDS TITLE REPORT COMMISSION

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

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to authority granted by section 501(b)(1)(c) of Public Law 106–569, I am announcing my appointment of the following four individuals to the Lands Title Report Commission, established by section 501(a) of that Act: Mr. Chester Carl of Window Rock, Arizona; Mr. Louie Sheridan of Lincoln, Nebraska; Mr. Bob Gauthier of Pablo, Montana; and Mr. Francis X. Caroli of Buffalo, New York.

These individuals were chosen for this appointment due to their demonstrated experience in and knowledge of land title matters relating to Indian trust lands. The Commission, and their appointment, will expire 1 year after the Commission’s initial meeting.

The Commission is responsible for analyzing the system of the Bureau of Indian Affairs for maintaining land ownership records and title documents and issuing certified title status reports relating to Indian trust lands and, pursuant to such analysis, determining how best to improve or replace the system.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate these fine individuals on their appointments, and look forward to their report.

ASKING CONGRESS TO HELP STOP JUVENILE DIABETES IN ITS TRACKS

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

Mr. SANDLIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the Congress to help a young friend of mine, Anna Kate Gunn. I am also asking the Congress to help over 1 million other young children in this country suffer from the disease of juvenile diabetes.

I hold in my hand a book of children from all over this country, all races, all creeds, all colors, all languages, faces different from the others and all are needed to advance research.

Specifically, embryonic stem cell research offers hope to the more than 1 million Americans who, like Anna Kate, suffer from the disease of juvenile diabetes. These cells have the potential to be insulin producing cells because of their unique potential to differentiate into any human type of cell. It is necessary for researchers to understand how embryonic stem cells work before they can get the full affect of the adult stem cell research.

Federal support for embryonic stem cell research is essential to the work