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Mr. Speaker, my thanks go to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. GOODE) for introducing this resolution. I urge the adoption.

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

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I might consume. Mr. Speaker, every year fires and other emergencies take thousands of lives and destroy property worth billions of dollars.

Fire fighters help protect the public against these dangers by rapidly responding to a variety of emergencies.

They are frequently the first emergency personnel at the scene of a traffic accident or medical emergency and may be called upon to put out a fire, treat injuries, or perform other vital functions. State fire chiefs associations serve to provide educational resources to fire fighters, to facilitate the exchange of information, to promote regional cooperation between firefighting entities and to provide professional development workshops and training to all state-wide and regional fire fighters.

These efforts in recent years have been broadened to include protecting the homeland. The Illinois Fire Chiefs Association is dedicated to promoting excellence in the fire service by providing the network of information sharing and opportunities for its diverse membership and associated partnerships through education, legislation, and technical means.

The fire chiefs associations help us do our jobs, which is to serve and protect the American public. I commend the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association and all fire chief associations for their hard work and dedication. They function for all of us and in our best interest.

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

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 80, which recognizes the Virginia Fire Chiefs Association on the occasion of its 75th anniversary and commends the Virginia Fire Chief's Association for being an annual sponsor of the Mid-Atlantic Expo and Symposium.

Fire chiefs throughout the Nation provide decisive leadership that is key to the success of America's firefighters and first responders. The fire chief's associations in each State play a critical role in coordinating this important effort. Their members are literally on the front lines of the homeland security effort, ready to respond in a moment's notice to crisis situations anywhere in America.

I have been able to witness the firm dedication and guidance the fire chiefs in my congressional district have provided. Unfortunately, their selfless efforts largely go unnoticed, which is why I am pleased the House is taking this opportunity to recognize the Virginia Fire Chiefs Association for their great achievements today.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Congressman VIRGIL GOODE of my home State of Virginia for introducing this important resolution and urge an "aye" vote.

Mr. GOODE. Mr. Speaker, I offer my strong support of passing H. Res. 80, which honors the Virginia Fire Chiefs Association on reaching their 75th anniversary and commends them for annually hosting the Mid-Atlantic Expo and Symposium, and honors all Fire Chiefs Associations across the United States of America for their hard work on behalf of the all citizens in this country. The Virginia Fire Chiefs Association serves as an outstanding model for the importance that fire chiefs associations serve in our country, while confronted with new challenges facing fire services in ensuring the safety of our citizens and in protecting our homeland. I congratulate the Virginia Fire Chiefs Association on reaching its 75th Anniversary. I hope that all will vote for H. Res. 80, the Virginia Fire Chiefs Resolution, and hope the U.S. House of Representatives will support this resolution and pass it today.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. DENT) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 80, as amended.

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

The title of the resolution was amended so as to read: "A resolution commending fire chiefs associations."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 7 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

□ 1830

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BURGESS) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE TO HAVE UNTIL 5 P.M. FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2005 TO FILE REPORT ON H.R. 27, JOB TRAINING IMPROVEMENT ACT

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Education and the Workforce may have until 5 p.m. on Friday, February 25, 2005, to file a report to accompany H.R. 27.

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

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

House Concurrent Resolution 25, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 324, by the yeas and nays.

RECOGNIZING CONTRIBUTIONS OF "GREENSBORO FOUR" TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 25.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. DENT) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 25, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 424, nays 0, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 32]

YEAS—424

Abercrombie	Brown (OH)	Cummings
Ackerman	Brown (SC)	Cunningham
Aderholt	Brown, Corrine	Davis (AL)
Akin	Brown-Waite,	Davis (CA)
Alexander	Ginny	Davis (FL)
Allen	Burgess	Davis (IL)
Baca	Burton (IN)	Davis (KY)
Bachus	Butterfield	Davis (TN)
Baker	Buyer	Davis, Jo Ann
Baldwin	Calvert	Davis, Tom
Barrett (SC)	Camp	Deal (GA)
Barrow	Cannon	DeFazio
Bartlett (MD)	Cantor	DeGette
Barton (TX)	Capito	Delahunt
Bass	Capps	DeLauro
Bean	Capuano	DeLay
Beauprez	Cardin	Dent
Becerra	Cardoza	Diaz-Balart, L.
Berkley	Carnahan	Diaz-Balart, M.
Berman	Carson	Dicks
Berry	Carter	Dingell
Biggert	Case	Doggett
Bilirakis	Castle	Doolittle
Bishop (GA)	Chabot	Doyle
Bishop (NY)	Chandler	Drake
Bishop (UT)	Chocola	Dreier
Blackburn	Clay	Duncan
Blumenauer	Cleaver	Edwards
Blunt	Clyburn	Ehlers
Boehlert	Coble	Emanuel
Boehner	Cole (OK)	Emerson
Bonilla	Conaway	Engel
Bonner	Conyers	English (PA)
Bono	Cooper	Etheridge
Boozman	Costa	Evans
Boren	Costello	Everett
Boswell	Cox	Farr
Boucher	Cramer	Fattah
Boustany	Crenshaw	Feeney
Boyd	Crowley	Ferguson
Bradley (NH)	Cubin	Filner
Brady (PA)	Cuellar	Fitzpatrick (PA)
Brady (TX)	Culberson	Flake