

Mr. Speaker, I have been lucky to own a business that's been an important part of my own community, but it never would have been able to survive without cooperative bankers in my community or access to the investment that the business needed to grow.

When businesses are coming to us and saying this is their problem, how could we possibly tell them no? And when facing a tough economic crisis like this one, it is vital that we do everything in our power to support the small businesses that create 64 percent of new jobs in this country, that comprise more than 99 percent of all employer companies, and that are the backbone of the communities that most of us live in.

This bill is an important step in supporting those small businesses, ensuring that they have the necessary capital to stay in business and to expand as the economy recovers. This bill is more than just simply an investment in small business. Frankly, it is an investment in American job growth. And what could be more important at this moment in time?

I urge a "yes" vote on the previous question and on the rule.

I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DOYLE). The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later.

□ 1400

RECOGNIZING CONTRIBUTIONS OF FATHERS

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1389) recognizing the immeasurable contributions of fathers in the healthy development of children, supporting responsible fatherhood, and encouraging greater involvement of fathers in the lives of their children, especially on Father's Day.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1389

Whereas fathers factor significantly in the lives of children;

Whereas fathers play an important role in teaching their children life lessons and preparing them to succeed in school and in life;

Whereas children with involved fathers are more likely to do well in school, have a better sense of well-being, and have fewer behavioral problems;

Whereas supportive fathers promote the positive physical, social, emotional, moral, and mental development of children;

Whereas promoting responsible fatherhood can help increase the chances that children will grow up with two caring parents;

Whereas, when fathers are actively involved in the upbringing of children, the children demonstrate greater self-control and a greater ability to take initiative;

Whereas responsible fatherhood can help reduce child poverty;

Whereas responsible fatherhood strengthens families and communities; and

Whereas Father's Day is the third Sunday in June: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) commends the millions of fathers who serve as a wonderful, caring parent for their children;

(2) calls on fathers across the United States to use Father's Day to reconnect and rededicate themselves to their children's lives, to spend Father's Day with their children, and to express their love and support for their children;

(3) urges men to understand the level of responsibility fathering a child requires, especially in the encouragement of the mental, moral, social, academic, emotional, physical, and spiritual development of children; and

(4) encourages active involvement of fathers in the rearing and development of their children, including the devotion of time, energy, and resources.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) and the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. PETRI) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I request 5 legislative days during which Members may revise and extend and insert extraneous material on H. Res. 1389 into the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from California?

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 1389, to honor and celebrate Father's Day this Sunday and to recognize the involvement of our Nation's fathers in their children's lives. This resolution recognizes the special bond between father and child by celebrating the significant and positive impacts a present, supportive, and involved father has on their child and the entire family.

Every year on the third Sunday in June, families across the country take time out to celebrate the dad in the family. New fathers and experienced fa-

thers alike are honored for the hard work and deep love it takes to be a supportive father. Whether it be through a home-cooked meal, a card, or even a simple phone call, we stop once a year to thank fathers for everything they do in our lives.

Unfortunately, 25 million children in America today are living apart from their biological fathers. This means that one out of every three children grow up without their biological father present in their lives.

Fathers play a significant and influential role in their child's development. When supportive fathers are involved in their children's lives, their children are more likely to enjoy learning, earn better grades, and participate in extracurricular activities. We celebrate the fathers who are positive role models for their children.

By commemorating the hard work and dedication of fathers on Father's Day, we encourage responsible fatherhood and happy, successful, and stronger families and communities.

With that, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

I rise in support of the resolution before us, House Resolution 1389, recognizing the immeasurable contributions of fathers in the healthy development of children, supporting responsible fatherhood, and encouraging greater involvement of fathers in the lives of their children, especially on Father's Day, and really on every day.

Children with involved, caring fathers have improved educational outcomes compared with children whose fathers are absent. A number of studies suggest that fathers who are involved, nurturing, and playful with their infants have children with higher IQs, as well as better linguistic and cognitive capacities. Toddlers with involved fathers go on to start school with higher levels of academic readiness. They are more patient and can handle the stresses and frustrations associated with schooling more readily than children with less involved fathers.

The influence of a father's involvement on academic achievement extends into adolescence and young adulthood. For instance, a U.S. Department of Education study found that highly involved biological fathers had children who were 43 percent more likely than other children to earn mostly As and 33 percent less likely than other children to repeat a grade.

Fathers play a significant role in shaping the character of their children. By spending time with their sons and daughters, being stern yet fair disciplinarians, and listening to their experiences, fathers mold and shape children into the men and women they will become. They instill important values and prepare their children for the challenges and opportunities ahead by demonstrating true leadership.

On Father's Day and every day, we honor our fathers and celebrate the

special bond between a father and a child. I rise today in support of this resolution and ask my colleagues to do the same.

I yield such time as he may consume to my colleague from east Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN).

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Wisconsin for yielding me this time.

I come in support of this resolution because of a very meaningful time that I spent as a judge in Tennessee. I spent 7 and a half years as a criminal court judge before coming to Congress, trying the felony criminal cases, the most serious cases. I've never forgotten that the first day I was a judge, Gary Tullock, the chief probation counselor for 16 counties in east Tennessee, told me that 98 percent of the defendants in felony cases came from what he referred to as broken homes. He was not exactly right on that. It was not quite 98 percent, but it was well over 90 percent that came from father-absent households, and that's the key.

I went through over 10,000 cases in the time that I was judge because 97 or 98 percent of the people in felony cases in criminal court plead guilty and then apply for probation, and I would get 8- or 10- or 12-page reports into their family and work background and so forth. And every day for 7 and a half years, I would read, Defendant's father left home when defendant was 2 and never returned; defendant's father left home to get a pack of cigarettes and never came back. When you read that thousands of times over several years, it really makes an impression.

I know that many wonderful and many outstanding people have come from broken homes and even from father-absent households, but it's an amazing statistic that the gentleman from California gave a few minutes ago when she said that one out of every three children in America are living apart from their biological fathers now.

We need to get a message across some way, especially to the young men of this country, that marriage is very, very important and that the role of fatherhood is very, very important and that it is harmful to a great many young people when a father leaves and removes himself from the raising of a child. A child is really blessed to have two loving parents, and certainly we all know and appreciate the very, very important role of mothers, but the role of fathers is important as well and not just for young men.

I have read in the past that many prostitutes and many women who get in trouble have had abusive or very negative or bad relationships with their fathers. So it's important to young girls as well, but it is especially important to young boys.

The root of the crime problem in this country is father-absent households. Drugs and alcohol are involved in most crimes, but they are secondary to the problem of father-absent households.

Where fathers have left the lives, we need to encourage mothers to get boys into Boy Scouts or find other good male role models within the family or within the neighborhood, and we need to encourage more men to teach in elementary schools and lead Boy Scout troops and do things like that because, unfortunately, millions of young boys are growing up without a good male role model in their lives.

I remember several years ago driving to the airport one Friday afternoon after we had finished our session, and there had been a school shooting out in I think Oregon. They had the national head of the YMCA on the national CBS news, and he said children are being neglected in this country like never before. I hope that's not true, but that is what he said. And it is a growing problem, and this resolution I hope will call attention to the great importance of fathers in the lives of their children, especially as we approach Father's Day.

Ms. WOOLSEY. I continue to reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PETRI. I yield such time as he may consume to my colleague from Pennsylvania, JOE PITTS.

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 1389, and I commend my colleague Mr. MCINTYRE for sponsoring this resolution.

We often hear about deadbeat and delinquent dads. So it's easy to forget that millions of dads across America are striving to be good husbands and positive role models for their kids. It is important for us to recognize those dads and the tremendous importance of promoting fatherhood in America.

There's no denying the invaluable role that a father plays in a child's life. We all know that children with involved and loving fathers have a significant advantage. They tend to perform better in school, to have a healthy self-esteem, to exhibit positive social behavior, and avoid drug use and other criminal activity. But this kind of statistical research really just affirms what we already know to be true: Fatherhood is important. A loving father plays an integral role in the family, and healthy families are the foundation for a healthy society.

This is not a partisan issue, and I'm glad that Republicans and Democrats are joining together on this bipartisan effort to honor responsible fatherhood. Small communities across our country rely on the work of families to keep our neighborhoods strong. Churches, community service clubs, and school boards should remember how critical fathers are in creating stable families and, therefore, stable communities.

I urge my colleagues to recognize the importance of fatherhood and to support this resolution, H. Res. 1389, today.

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, I urge support for the resolution before us, have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I personally have the great privilege to

have raised two sons, Ed Critchett and Michael Woolsey, and I have a son-in-law, Mark Pauline, who are the most wonderful fathers on this earth. I am so proud of them, and I just thought I'd take this moment right now to be able to express that.

Their children, my grandchildren, Teddy and Julia, Jake-Eddie, Carlo and Luca are great kids, but they are all the better because they have such great dads.

So, Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H. Res. 1389, honoring and celebrating Father's Day and recognizing the involvement of our Nation's fathers in their children's lives.

With that, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MCINTYRE).

(Mr. MCINTYRE asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 1389, a resolution that recognizes the immeasurable contributions of fathers in the healthy development of children, supports responsible fatherhood, and encourages greater involvement of fathers in the lives of their children, especially with the celebration of Father's Day coming up this weekend.

On June 20, our Nation will celebrate the special place that fathers have in our country. From helping with homework to playing ball to reading a book to offering advice and support or to just listening and spending time with children, each and every day fathers of all ages contribute to the mental, moral, spiritual, and physical development of children, teenagers and, yes, adults.

According to the National Fatherhood Initiative, children with involved, loving fathers are significantly more likely to do well in school, have a healthy self-esteem, exhibit empathy and good behavior, and avoid high-risk activities, such as drug use and even criminal activity.

H. Res. 1389 recognizes the commitment of fathers and the wonderful work that both parents do on behalf of their kids, and I encourage my colleagues to join us as we all recommit ourselves to being the best fathers that we can be and honoring our fathers and grandfathers everywhere.

In conclusion, I would like to publicly thank my own father, Dr. Douglas C. McIntyre, for the great example he has been to me throughout my life and for the dedication and support he has shown in my every endeavor. Indeed, may we all intend and exemplify the type of example that we would want our own children to one day exhibit when they may have that opportunity to be a father.

Mr. Speaker, I ask for a "yes" vote on this important bill.

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my support for H. Res. 1389, and for fathers across the Nation. Nearly 50 years ago, Daniel Patrick Moynihan warned that, "... A community that allows a large number of

young men to grow up in broken families . . . never acquiring any stable relationship to male authority, never acquiring any rational expectations about the future—that community asks for and gets chaos.” Moynihan’s words hold a prophetic ring as we look at society today.

Fathers play a critical role in the development of their children, positively influencing everything from academic performance to mental and physical health. Children who do not live with both parents are more likely to repeat a grade, have lower grades, be diagnosed with a mental illness, experience drug or alcohol abuse problems, and commit violent crimes.

I do not mean to imply that those who grow up without both parents are doomed to failure, nor am I suggesting that children from two-parent homes are guaranteed success. But the presence of fathers in the lives of their children does have benefits that cannot be denied. This Congress, and America as a whole, are right to take time to honor the men who took responsibility for their actions, who invest in the lives of their children, who sacrifice their own wants and desires for the sake of future generations. So I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Res. 1389 as it is considered today.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the sacrifices made by my own father, Wilbur Tiaht. His sacrificial leadership, during his service in the Army Air Corps during World War II, and as a father and husband has provided a tremendous example for me and my siblings. I am grateful for the blessing that he has been to me and my family, and each Father’s Day, I am reminded of how fortunate I am to still have him with me.

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 1389, “Recognizing the immeasurable contributions of fathers in the healthy development of children, supporting responsible fatherhood, and encouraging greater involvement of fathers in the lives of their children, especially on Father’s Day.”

This resolution commends the millions of fathers who serve as wonderful, caring parents for their children. It simultaneously calls on fathers across the United States (1) reconnect and rededicate themselves to their children’s lives; and (2) express their love and support for their children, not only on Father’s Day, but everyday.

Fathers all over the United States are involved in their children’s lives in multitude ways that go beyond the traditional roles of economic provider. Fathers are also involved by having direct contact with their children, engagement; making themselves available to their children even when they are not in physical contact, accessibility; and taking responsibility for their children’s care and welfare, again regardless of physical proximity, responsibility. For this reason and many others, I salute the millions of fathers who have embraced the attributes of fatherhood.

However, this piece of legislation also recognizes the need for fathers to take their place in their children’s lives and become more involved. The statistics on children without an active father in their lives are alarming:

63 percent of youth suicides are from fatherless homes (U.S. Department Of Health/Census)—5 times the average

90 percent of all homeless and runaway children are from fatherless homes—32 times the average

85 percent of all children who show behavior disorders come from fatherless homes—20 times the average. (Center for Disease Control)

80 percent of rapists with anger problems come from fatherless homes—14 times the average. (Justice & Behavior, Vol 14, p. 403–26)

71 percent of all high school dropouts come from fatherless homes—9 times the average. (National Principals Association Report)

75 percent of all adolescent patients in chemical abuse centers come from fatherless homes—10 times the average. (Rainbows for All God’s Children)

70 percent of youths in State-operated institutions come from fatherless homes—9 times the average. (U.S. Department of Justice, Sept. 1988)

85 percent of all youths in prison come from fatherless homes—20 times the average. (Fulton Co. Georgia, Texas Department of Correction)

Clearly, fathers represent a lot more than just a paycheck to a child; they represent safety, protection, guidance, friendship, and someone to look up to. This resolution urges men to understand the level of responsibility fathering a child requires, especially in the encouragement of the mental, moral, social, academic, emotional, physical, and spiritual development of children.

In conclusion, not only is this issue imperative to the development of the future of America’s youth, but also to the prosperity of the country as a whole. I am diligently seeking ways to bring families back together and this resolution can be the catalyst to promote such unity; by promoting fathers who already exemplify these qualities.

I must pay tribute to my own father Ezra C. Jackson. I thank him for being a father to my brother Michael and me. For also being a grandfather to our children. He was God-fearing, funny and a great mentor to young men who were not his children. Thank you Dad for being in my life, although you are no longer with us—your guidance will always be appreciated.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I would just like to congratulate Congressman MCINTYRE as the author of this piece of legislation.

With that, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1389.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair’s prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

□ 1415

CONGRATULATING URBAN PREP CHARTER ACADEMY—ENGLEWOOD CAMPUS

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1414) congratulating Urban Prep Charter Academy for Young Men—Englewood Campus, the Nation’s first all-male charter high school, for achieving a 100 percent college acceptance rate for all 107 members of its first graduating class of 2010, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1414

Whereas in a 2009 study by the Education Research Center found that in the 50 largest cities in the United States, which have significantly higher rates of poor and minority children, only 53 percent of students graduate on time;

Whereas African-American males are dropping out of high school in the Chicago Public School district, and in cities around the country, at a rate of over 50 percent and only one in 40 Black Chicago Public School males are graduating from college;

Whereas a University of Chicago study published in 2006 reported that only one in 40 African-American boys in Chicago Public Schools eventually graduate from a 4-year university;

Whereas a 2009 report by the American Council on Education found that only 28 percent of African-American males who have graduated from high school have gone on to enroll in college, compared to 41 percent of all students;

Whereas in 2002, a group of motivated African-American civic, business, and education leaders, organized by Tim King, determined to establish a new high school in Chicago focused on providing a strong college-preparatory high school option for boys in under-served African-American communities;

Whereas Urban Prep Academies is a non-profit organization that operates a network of all-boys public schools including the Nation’s first, and the State of Illinois only, charter high school for boys;

Whereas the mission of Urban Prep Academies is to provide a comprehensive, high-quality college-preparatory education to young men that results in graduates succeeding in college;

Whereas Urban Prep Charter Academy for Young Men—Englewood Campus was founded in 2002;

Whereas Urban Prep Charter Academy has a student population that is 100 percent African-American male and 85 percent low-income, has shattered stereotypes about the ability and willingness of African-American males to meet high expectations and serves as a national example that all students can succeed and achieve academically;

Whereas Urban Prep’s extended school day, rigorous curriculum, and extracurricular “arcs”, which includes the Academic Arc, Service Arc, Activity Arc, and Professional Arc, have been acknowledged as national models for other schools serving low-income communities by a variety of educational organizations and media outlets including the Chicago Public Schools, the American School Board Journal, the Urban School Improvement Network, the Illinois Policy Institute, Education Week, the Washington Post, and the Milwaukee Wisconsin Journal Sentinel;