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[Mrs. SEASTRAND addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

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[Ms. NORTON addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

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REMEMBERING CHRISTA MCCAULIFFE AND THE CREW OF THE "CHALLENGER"

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Maryland [Mrs. MORELLA] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, a decade after the *Challenger* exploded, Christa McAuliffe is still fulfilling her mission, inspiring young people to look skyward with curiosity about science and outer space.

On January 26, 1996, the Christa McAuliffe Elementary School in Germantown, MD, honored their namesake by devoting a day of activities to her memory. In keeping with the wishes of Christa McAuliffe's mother, the students and teachers worked with a shared sense of purpose to remember the teacher-astronaut in a dignified manner. "Christa, This One's For You and the Challenger Crew," was the theme for the day.

Under the expert guidance of teacher Bettie Shortt, the children in the Head Start Program made a mural of the *Challenger*. The kindergartners listed Christa McAuliffe's character traits and elaborated on each one.

Team leader Lynne Barrett asked the first graders to read an important book about the *Challenger* flight. Students then discussed why Christa McAuliffe was important. Each second grade teacher selected a subject and prepared a 45-minute lesson. The subjects included: Astronauts, the Space Shuttle, the Moon, Planets, and Christa McAuliffe. Teacher and team leader for the second-graders, Susan Gougeon made sure that the classes were rotated so that each class was afforded the opportunity to participate in all of the relevant lessons.

Peggy Duffy asked each third-grader to make a symbol to put into a goal quilt, keeping in mind that "Christa McAuliffe set a goal and went for it." The finished quilt was hung in the school hall and was "quite a display," according to Dr. Edith Rohrbacher, the assistant principal.

The fourth graders viewed the film, "The Dream is Alive," and then discussed the concept of being part of a team. The fifth graders wrote essays. One of the fifth grade classes will correspond with Christa McAuliffe's mother, Jean Withee and Kristin Dillman deserve credit and praise for their outstanding efforts as team leaders for the fourth and fifth grades.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud of the winning combination of students and faculty at the Christa McAuliffe Elementary School in Germantown, MD, for it is my understanding that the day set aside to remember the *Challenger*, was a huge success. I congratulate Principal Eugene Haines and the entire McAuliffe Elementary School on their ambitious program, and I wish them continued success in all of their future educational challenges and endeavors.

As Keith Geiger, President of the NEA, stated: "Christa taught us about living life to the fullest. Because she reached for the stars, she made the world a brighter place for all of us."

As a member of the Committee on Science that has under its jurisdiction our space program and as somebody who is a former educator myself, I

commend the school. I hope that the *Challenger* tragedy becomes a symbol for future generations to adopt the kind of theme that the Christa McAuliffe School has, and that is, reach out and touch the future.

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[Miss COLLINS of Michigan addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

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[Mr. CONYERS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

THREATS OF DEFAULT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, a lot of us in this institution are troubled by the threats to force the Nation into default, the comments made throughout the year by Speaker GINGRICH and the gentleman from Texas, Mr. ARMEY, majority leader, that if they do not get their way on the balanced budget or if they do not get their way on a host of things that are they are going to shut the Government down.

We heard those threats throughout 1995. Unfortunately, come November once and then in December a second time, they made good on their threats because they did not get the kind of, exactly the kind of balanced budget that they wanted. And they went ahead and shut the Government down. What that meant to lots of American families that depended on services from the Government, what it meant to people that work in Government, what it meant across the board to this country.

Now the threats, in a lot of ways, Mr. Speaker, are even more serious, because those threats are to force the Nation into default, again, if Speaker