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A RESOLUTION

Urging the United States Congress to reject the proposal to sell the facilities used to generate electric power marketed by the Southeastern Power Administration; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, a proposal has been made to the United States Congress to sell facilities used by the Southeastern Power Administration (SEPA) which is headquartered in Elbert County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, these facilities, which include nine hydroelectric dams, provide electric power and reservoirs for Georgia; and

WHEREAS, all of these facilities, operated by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, also provide the public and needed fish and wildlife resources, municipal, industrial, and agricultural water supplies, flood control, reservoir, and downstream recreational uses, and river water level regulation; and

WHEREAS, such proposed sale would give too little assurance that these assets will be administered with due consideration to the purposes of the facilities not related to power production, such as water supply, flood control, navigation, recreation, and environmental protection; and

WHEREAS, the revenue from the electricity generated by the hydroelectric dams exceeds the retirement obligations of the construction bonds and costs of operation and maintenance for these facilities; and

WHEREAS, many Georgians served by these facilities could likely experience significant rate increases in electricity and water as a result of this sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the members of this body urge the United States Congress to reevaluate the negative impacts of this proposal and avoid any transfer of federal dams, resources, turbines, generators, transmission lines, and related power marketing association facilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the presiding officer of the United States Senate, and members of the Georgia congressional delegation.

IN HOUSE, Read and Adopted February 2, 1996.

ROBERT E. RIVERS, JR.,
Clerk.

TRIBUTE TO RABBI MORTON F.
YOLKUT

HON. ROBERT A. BORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 1996

Mr. BORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Morton F. Yolkut, who will become the new rabbi of the Shaare Shamayim-Beth Judah synagogue in northeast Philadelphia.

Rabbi Morton Yolkut was born in St. Louis, MO, and was ordained by the Hebrew Theological College of Skokie, IL. He holds a Bachelor of Arts cum laude degree from Roosevelt University in Chicago and a Master of Arts in American history from Northwestern University.

Prior to coming to Shaare Shamayim-Beth Judah, Rabbi Yolkut served as rabbi of Congregation B'nai David in Southfield, MI for 18

years. He also served as rabbi of Congregation Anshe Kanasses Israel in Chicago for 5 years. In Michigan, he served as vice president of the Michigan Board of Rabbis and was the Orthodox columnist for the Detroit Jewish News. Rabbi Yolkut also served on the Chaulancy Commission of Sinai Hospital in Detroit and delivered papers on Jewish medical ethics to physicians and staff at local hospitals and conferences.

On a national level, Rabbi Yolkut is a member of the Rabbinical Council of America and an active member of the Federation of Traditional Rabbis. He serves on the national Rabbinic Cabinets of State of Israel Bonds, the United Jewish Appeal, the ORT Committee and the Jewish National Fund.

I am pleased to join the more than 700 families that comprise the Shaare Shamayim-Beth Judah congregation in welcoming Rabbi Yolkut to the Northeast Philadelphia Jewish community. I am sure he will serve his synagogue and his community with honor and distinction.

HONORING BOYS AND GIRLS
CLUBS

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 1996

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, an organization which for years has been instrumental in the development of America's youth.

Through an array of programs, an expert staff, and a dedicated corps of volunteers, boys and girls clubs provide services to over 2 million children throughout this country. In doing so, boys and girls clubs instill in our Nation's children sound character and superior values. They provide a foundation from which the youth of today may become the leaders of tomorrow.

The future of America's children, however, remains precarious. In our society, children are confronted with the difficult task of overcoming many obstacles which threaten their development. Drugs and alcohol are ever present. Crime and violence are tragically abundant. Yet, Boys and Girls Clubs of America continued to steer children along the path of opportunity, hope, and success. For this I commend them. Their work is indeed a testament to what's right with America.

On September 20, 1995, Mr. Arnold Burns delivered remarks before a congressional breakfast which honored the Boys and Girls Clubs' Youth of the Year finalist. His comments were clearly indicative of the boys and girls clubs' commitment to serving our country's children. In recognition of this outstanding service, I respectfully submit that his remarks be entered into the RECORD.

1995 CONGRESSIONAL BREAKFAST

(By Senator Thurmond)

Representative Steny Hoyer, Mr. George Grune, the Chairman of the Board, Mr. Robbie Callaway, the Senior Vice President, Melvin Laird, Arnold Burns, one of the outstanding lawyers of this nation, Judge Freeh, all of the distinguished guests, and ladies and gentlemen, I'm very honored to be here on this occasion. Now, as a Senator, there are a lot of events you are asked to attend. I'm always pleased to attend this breakfast. It's the twelfth year.

I'm a strong believer in the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. There's no more important resource than our children. Boys & Girls Clubs of America work to help protect and promote that resource. This is an organization that is making a difference in the lives of tens of thousands of at risk teens. It provides parks and recreational activities, a safe haven from the mean streets, teaches kids the importance of work and responsibility, works to get kids into schools, into jobs, off welfare roles, out of public housing and away from the temptations of a life of crime.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of America is an organization on the move, serving more children each year. Thirteen years ago, they served approximately one million kids. This year, they are serving more than 2.2 million boys and girls. More than 1,700 clubs are in the United States. Last year, they averaged an opening of one new club every three days. This is a group that seeks continued growth. By the year 2001, the Boys & Girls Clubs of America aims to have 1,000 new clubs, 1 million new members, over 3 million kids involved in productive activities.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of America is one of the most effective organizations in the nation for supporting our children. It is an organization worthy of the support of everyone in this room. As members of Congress, we are in the position to help the Boys & Girls Clubs and our children. We can support legislation that is beneficial to the Boys & Girls Clubs. One example is the current crime bill. The Boys & Girls Clubs of America is seeking 100 million dollars out of the crime bill over the next five years. The Board of Directors of the Boys & Girls Clubs will match that 100 million from the crime bill. That is 200 million dollars pumped directly into the future of our nation's children.

By attending this breakfast, each of you is demonstrating your support for a worthwhile cause. I urge you to continue to help the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. You can do nothing more worthy. We are proud of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and we're going to keep on working to make it bigger and stronger every year. Good luck, God bless you and God bless the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and God bless our country.

CONGRESSMAN STENY HOYER

One problem with the Strom and Steny show is that I have to follow Strom Thurmond. Thurmond and Hoyer, that sounds like a good name for a firm at some point in time. Strom's show has been running a lot longer than mine, as you know, but I'm always amazed at the energy, his commitment and the verve that he brings to life and the endeavors which he undertakes. And Senator, I want you to know what an honor and privilege it is to co-chair this breakfast on a continuing basis with you. George Grune, your leadership is critically important. General Burns, you've seen General Burns up here, he looks a lot like Colin Powell. I asked him if he was running for President. He's got those four stars on his lapel, here. I'm sure it's got to have something to do with that. He is outranked, of course, at his table by Secretary Laird and the Secretary is keeping him in line, luckily, so they'll be peaceful. Pete Silas, thank you for all you've done and your leadership. We look forward to working with you on a continuing basis. My friend, Robbie Callaway. I think we ought to give Robbie Callaway a big round of applause for the outstanding leadership he brings to this effort on a regular basis. Ken Gordon is here today, too.

Six or seven of the top law enforcement officials in our nation are here. We have Louis Freeh and a group of his distinguished colleagues. They're the ones who lock up and help convict those who break the laws in our

country, to keep our communities and streets and schools safe. That's their job. We ask them to do that. They're people that sometimes themselves risk their life and limb to do so. They're here this morning and I reflect on why and what message that brings us. They're here because unless parents and Boys & Girls Clubs leaders and other youth leaders all over this country do their job, they know they can't lock up enough people. God bless them and you ladies and gentlemen of the Boys & Girls Club, God bless you. Senator Thurmond is correct because you do God's work.

This is the first line of defense. This is the first line in a battle we all must wage if we are to stop the crime and the violence and the drugs from taking over our streets—our children. And that, ladies and gentlemen is what it's all about.

I am very, very proud to be here with two people who symbolize what is the first line and the best line and ultimately the line that will get us to where we need to be—two parents who all America, and indeed all the world applauded just a few days ago.

Lou Gehrig had the kind of character that all the world would admire. Let us thank God that his record was equaled and surpassed by another individual who had the character of which we can all be proud and say, "He was worthy of Lou Gehrig". But, why was it so? It was so because Vi and Cal Ripken Sr. gave him the leadership and the character and the understanding that gave him the will and the strength of character to persevere in the face of pain, the face of frustration, the face of being tired. We all get tired. Cal Ripken, Jr. rose and he said, effectively, "My Dad and Mom said to go to work every day and do the best you can." Is there a more powerful, potent message to be given to young people than that message? God bless Vi and Cal Ripken, Sr. We're proud of you and proud of what you've done. By the way, they're from Maryland.

I know if you'll allow me four more minutes, I will close with this. I hope all of you have read the books left for you. There is a young woman sitting at my table who is typical of all of the young people we come here today to honor. She's a success story. Not just the kind of success story we read about every day, but also a success story of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. She's from Dallas. She's a young woman. She's an African American woman and a true success story. Read her quote. She says, "I am proud to tell my story. One of struggle and hardship, but also one of triumph and achievement." LaWanda Jones, that's what it's all about because, there are a lot of young people who don't have a Vi and Cal to lift them up, to nurture them, to protect them, to give them the kind of internal mechanism and compass that they need to succeed.

And so, as Todd Green said, one word came to mind when he thinks of Boys & Girls Clubs, and that's "family * * * family". All of us are extended family for an awful lot of young people who need the kind of nurturing and caring and courage given by Cal and Vi to Cal, Jr. Each of you in this room is a part of that caring family of America that ultimately will be the difference. Not the government, it won't happen in government. Government can help. I am one who believes that government needs to be a partner. I'm one who believes that we need to marshal our resources in the form of, yes, paying taxes and applying those to good efforts. But, in the final analysis, we will not solve the problems of making sure America's future is secure and the security of our young people is assured if it's not through our families and through us, individually, caring for our young people. That's what Boys & Girls Clubs of America do. Brooke Kersey said, "In

good times and bad times, the Boys & Girls Clubs have been my life line." You do God's work. I am proud to be a part of all of you. Thank you.

"CAPTAIN" ARNOLD I. BURNS

Good morning. Thank you very much for your kind invitation. I'm delighted to be here with the distinguished members of law enforcement community mentioned by Congressman Hoyer.

I've come today to make some important arrests. I've come to arrest crime and I've come to arrest violence, to arrest the drug epidemic, to arrest teenage pregnancies, to arrest alcoholism, to arrest youth gangs. One thing responsible people in the law enforcement business have come to know, and know very well, and Steny made this point, and that is that law enforcement alone cannot solve our societal problems. We have come to believe it and to espouse the old adage that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. We know that in order to make our streets safer and more secure, we must work with organizations such as Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

We need more programs for the young people of this nation of ours—programs like the tried and proven initiatives that have earned Boys & Girls Clubs the reputation as the positive place for kids. These programs help young people to resist the peer and other pressures that lead to substance abuse, to say "no" to drugs, "no" to alcohol, to say "no" to teenage premature sex and to say "no" to gangs.

We need more Boys & Girls Clubs which keep kids coming back day after day and year after year under professional, adult supervision to learn how to get up in the morning, to show up on time for an interview, to find employment, to develop good work habits and to become a reliable and important part of the work force. Boys & Girls Clubs of America programs literally save hundreds of thousands of kids from harm and destruction each year. It is these programs that keep kids from harm and destruction each year. It is these programs that keep kids out of our courtrooms and out of jail. It is these programs that prepare kids to become productive and participating citizens in the mainstream of our society. It is these programs which makes our kids producers of tax dollars and not consumers of tax dollars as wards of the State or as welfare participants. Boys & Girls Clubs of America save billions of dollars, multi-billions of dollars of our tax dollars, because the cost of prevention pales beside the cost of cure, particularly as the cure rehabilitation so rarely works.

So, my department, today, is issuing an APB—an all points bulletin—to the 1680 boys & girls clubs facilities across our nation—reach out—reach out for more kids. Ten years ago, boys & girls clubs served 1,000,000 kids. Today, over 2,220,000 kids. Tomorrow—within the next few years—3,000,000 kids. No alibis.

We in law enforcement will continue to investigate, apprehend, prosecute, convict and incarcerate those who slip through the prevention net. We would like—no, we need, no, we must have your help—your continued top flight work, to cut potential miscreants off at the pass and bypass the criminal justice process entirely by opting for good and productive citizenship early. I close by congratulating our "Youth of the Year" finalists: Jason Reese, Russell Roberson, Fernando Pantoja, Michael Smith and Michael Lampkins. Each of them personifies the success boys and girls clubs can achieve in providing youngsters with a real alternative to life on the streets.

We will continue our work, you continue yours—ours must be a partnership, a collabora-

tion. Together, we can make America a better place for all.

THE PLO MUST TAKE ACTION

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 1996

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, as a country, we can express nothing but outrage at the recent events in Israel. The cowardice of the Hamas terrorists, who attack children dressed in costume for the Purim holiday, is hard for any sane individual to grasp. The United States cannot let such blatantly evil acts against humanity go unanswered.

During Purim, Jews throughout the world celebrate freedom from the tyranny and oppression imposed by Haman, a villain of the worst magnitude. Jewish tradition suggests that joyous holidays be celebrated even during difficult and trying times. These are indeed trying times for the people of Israel, and people who support freedom and democracy throughout the world. While Jews celebrate ancient freedom from Haman's oppression, they know that such terror lives on in the form of Hamas.

Under the Gaza-Jericho agreement of 1994, signed by the late Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, Israel and the PLO must take all measures necessary in order to prevent acts of terrorism, crime, and hostilities directed against each other, and shall take legal measures against offenders. However, while Yasser Arafat has promised to outlaw Hamas, he has failed to shut down their training camps or confiscate their weapons. His lack of action raise serious questions about Mr. Arafat's commitment to peace.

It is unrealistic to expect the peace efforts to go forward, or for the United States to continue with its support, without Yasser Arafat and the PLO taking concrete steps toward bringing the perpetrators of these crimes to justice. The United States has a vital interest in stability in the Mideast, as well as in the protection of Americans in the area. Last year Alisa Flatow, a student from New Jersey was killed in a terrorist attack. In the past week, Matt Eisenfeld from New Jersey and his fiancée, Sara Duker, were also killed. We must use every available resource and avenue of influence to protect our citizens and ensure that the killing stops. Likewise, the Israeli Government must use any necessary force to stop and prevent any future attacks. No peace will ever be achieved until both sides are committed to it. The PLO must eliminate Hamas, and turn over the perpetrators of these crimes, if they are to live up to that commitment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 1996

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, because of an unforeseen scheduling conflict, I was not in attendance for one recorded vote, rollcall vote No. 48.

Had I been in attendance, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 48.