

Mr. Speaker, I hope the 105th Congress will seriously consider what we can do to make sure the lives of our children are more healthy than they are now.

#### SOLVE THE HEALTH INSURANCE CRISIS

(Mr. MILLER of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, like so many of my other colleagues, I am deeply distressed that we continue to live in a country as wealthy as the United States of America and we continue to have 10 million of our children without health coverage, 1 in 7 children in this Nation with no health insurance. Tragically, 9 out of 10 of these children live in families with working parents, but they earn too little to provide health insurance, not only for themselves but in many instances for their children.

There was a time 10 years ago when children were covered by employers, when children were the responsibility of families working. But today as we see a downsizing of jobs, a downsizing of benefits, a downsizing of hours, employers are walking away from families in terms of health insurance, and they are certainly walking away from the children in those families that need health insurance. Since we debated health insurance issues, a million more children in this country are without that health insurance.

Mr. Speaker, we did not solve the health insurance crisis in this country by failing to deal with it. We owe the children of America a much better due.

#### BIPARTISAN CONSENSUS ON HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN IS NEEDED

(Mr. WISE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, I too today rise to urge this Congress to take action to make sure that the 10 million children in this country who are not covered by some form of health insurance get covered. Surely this is something on a bipartisan basis Republicans and Democrats alike can reach consensus and agreement on.

Because many of the cases in West Virginia, for instance, where the General Accounting Office listed 40,000 uninsured children, quite frankly I think it is more than that, but in many cases these are the children of parents who play by the rules. They get up every morning, they drive to work, they get their kids off to school, they pay their taxes, they obey the laws. They do everything right, and yet the thing that grips their gut the most is that they do not have their children covered with health insurance.

Mr. Speaker, that is something this Congress can rectify. We can argue

about a whole lot of other things, but there are ways to do this. This Congress needs to make sure that the 40,000 children in West Virginia and the millions of others across this country and their working parents get their due, and that is health insurance.

#### ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, MARCH 3, 1997

Mr. ROGAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

#### HOUR OF MEETING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 1997

Mr. ROGAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Monday, March 3, 1997, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4, 1997, for morning hour debate.

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

There was no objection.

#### DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. ROGAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

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

There was no objection.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

#### CELEBRATING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF SHEPHERD COLLEGE

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

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, I am going to speak on two topics today. First, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to wish a happy anniversary to Shepherd College in Shepherdstown, WV, just about an hour and 15 minutes drive from here. Today Shepherd College celebrated its 125th anniversary with the ringing of the town bells that occurred at noon today. This is going to kick off a year of celebration. Although I cannot be at the school today to share in this mo-

ment, I felt that this occasion warranted special recognition.

Shepherd College is located in Shepherdstown, WV, on the banks of the Potomac River. It is the oldest town in my State and its history runs deep. Shepherdstown has watched its young men march off to participate in each war in this country, beginning with the Revolutionary War. It witnessed James Rumsey's demonstration of the steamboat two decades before Robert Fulton. Shepherdstown also served as witness to the bloodiest day of the Civil War, the Battle of Antietam, which was fought less than 5 miles away.

Shepherdstown has indeed experienced a lot in our Nation's history, but perhaps its proudest accomplishment has been the founding of Shepherd College. Shepherd College was established in 1871, when the county seat of Jefferson County was moved from Shepherdstown back to Charles Town. The people in and around Shepherdstown decided to use the vacated courthouse for a private college. A year later, in 1872, the West Virginia Legislature passed an act establishing a school for the training of teachers in Shepherd College.

One hundred and twenty-five years ago Shepherd College consisted of 1 building and 20 students. Today its campus entails over 20 buildings and approximately 4,000 students. The campus has grown from one single lot in 1871 to over 161 acres of land today.

As the college has grown, so has its importance, not only to West Virginia but to our Nation as well. Shepherd College alumni live in all 50 States of our country.

I am proud to represent such a fine institution in this congressional district. Over the years I have had an opportunity to work with both Shepherd College, its administration and its students, and I have always been impressed with the level of dedication they all feel to this school. I wish Shepherd College, its president, David Dunlop, its alumni, its faculty and staff, and certainly its students, every possible success in the future, and congratulate them as they celebrate their 125th anniversary.

Mr. Speaker, I also wish to speak briefly today on the matter of the Air Force expanding its overflights into West Virginia and parts of Virginia. And indeed it has been good to work with Congressman GOODLATTE of Virginia, Congressman RAHALL, and the Senators from each of our States as we have dealt with the Air Force in trying to get them to review and reconsider their proposal to greatly expand their number of training flights in the military operational area to include eastern West Virginia and parts of Virginia.

The fact of the matter is that in a meeting just last week the Air Force conceded that they had not done the proper environmental assessment. They conceded that they had not taken