

not gone and in making a sustained effort to make sure the world is better and leaving no one out and leaving no one behind.

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of this resolution expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives on the tragic death of Diana, Princess of Wales.

The Princess was someone with whom we all were not only familiar, but held in deep admiration. Her position of royalty brought her into our lives, but her work on behalf of the less fortunate brought her into our hearts.

Princess Diana has been an inspiration to me in one area in particular: her crusade on behalf of the innocent victims of antipersonnel landmines. Her efforts to eliminate landmines brought the issue global prominence.

This year the United States has the opportunity to join over 100 nations around the globe in signing an international treaty to ban landmines. That treaty is being negotiated in Oslo, Norway as we speak.

Next week, Congressman EVANS and I will introduce legislation that commits the United States to a ban on landmines. Our bipartisan legislation already has the backing of the Catholic Church's Conference of Bishops, the Vietnam Veterans Foundation, and numerous retired generals, including Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf.

Mr. Speaker, there is no stronger proponent of the U.S. military and its personnel in the U.S. House of Representatives than myself. The United States has the most sophisticated military in the world. Princess Diana was right, we do not need these weapons.

I urge my colleagues in the House of Representatives and in the Senate to pick up where Princess Diana left off and join the effort to ban landmines now by supporting the Evans/Quinn bill when it is introduced next week. Let's give a fitting remembrance to Diana by completing the work in which she believed so passionately.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker and my colleagues, it is with heavy heart that I rise this evening to pay tribute to a woman who touched the lives of people throughout the world—Diana, Princess of Wales. Her tragic death last weekend left all of us in shock at the sudden and incomprehensible loss of a woman in the prime of her life.

Although she lived the life of a fairy tale princess, she somehow seemed as real as our next-door neighbor. Rich and poor, black and white, young and old, sick and healthy, Diana opened her heart to one and all and in doing so, made herself a part of all of our lives.

She persevered through difficulties endured by so many women—including divorce and single motherhood—and did it all under the ever-critical eye of the press.

It would have been so easy for her to live a quiet life behind the palace walls and out of the public's eye. But Diana was determined to make life better for those not so lucky. She wanted to make a difference in people's lives—and she did. The tremendous outpouring of grief, both in Britain and here in the United States, shows how successful she was in her work.

Diana dedicated herself to helping those who might otherwise have been forgotten. On one of her visits to Washington, she visited Grandma's House, a home for children stricken with AIDS—long before most public figures ever had. She scooped one 3-year-old into her

arms for a hug, and happily filled the child's wish by giving her a ride around the block in her Rolls-Royce.

Most recently, Diana had given herself wholeheartedly to a cause that many of us here also feel deeply about—the campaign to rid the world of anti-personnel landmines. Because of Diana, millions of people learned that anti-personnel landmines claim over 25,000 innocent victims every year. Now I hope we will carry on her work by committing to rid the world of these deadly weapons that threaten the lives of men, women and children all over the world.

There will never be another public figure like Diana. But Diana's greatest triumph was being a mom. And her spirit will live on in her sons, the Princes William and Harry. Diana brought her sons along with her, outside of the palace walls, to experience life in the real world. She brought them to meet homeless people and AIDS patients. I am sure that the Princes will grow up to exemplify the values by which Diana led her life, and in the end that may be Diana's most enduring legacy.

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support this resolution and to express my deep sorrow over the tragic death of Diana, Princess of Wales, a special humanitarian who improved the lives of people throughout the world. Her devotion to others less fortunate, and her willingness to embrace them, hold them, and comfort them, should forever serve as a reminder to all public servants of their responsibility to care for those who are unable to help themselves.

The outpouring of grief from all corners of the globe during vigils such as those held in my district reaffirm that she is the people's princess. Through her energy and dedication she inspired worldwide efforts to solve problems such as AIDS, homelessness, leprosy, and the indiscriminate devastation caused by land mines. She had a genuine understanding of the struggles which the people have with daily life, and did not hesitate to demonstrate her empathy for those suffering by discussing her own personal battles.

Princess Diana did not use her position for personal gain; she used her celebrity to bring attention to the plight of those whom the world might otherwise ignore. The ability to bring attention to the charities and causes she supported and her devotion to them was one of the reasons that she continued to operate even under the challenging conditions that apparently contributed to her death. We must take this opportunity to reflect on her gracious and giving spirit and hope that we can somehow learn from this tragedy and carry on her efforts to bring attention to the plight of the poor and bring relief to those in need of assistance. Her overriding concern for the condition of others and her dedication to the causes she committed herself to are the greatest examples of what public service should be, giving back to one's community, and thus leaving the world a better place.

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to add my voice to those supporting this condolence resolution. I held a special order in May to raise awareness on the dangers of driving while intoxicated. I told my colleagues that "drunk driving knows no social or economic boundaries."

Never could I have imagined how prophetic that statement would be.

It will probably be impossible to pinpoint why Princess Diana died, however, one point

can be raised without dispute. We have all borne witness that drunk driving kills—and it played a significant role in the death of Princess Diana.

Last Saturday's tragedy proved once again that the rise in drunk driving fatalities is about more than statistics. It's about people. It's about broken families. It's about destroyed lives and lost love. It's about two young princes, one a future king, who are now without a mother.

That's why people like Tom Carey and the members of Remove Intoxicated Drivers [RID] play such an important role in combating what can truly be called a scourge on our society. RID will be holding a vigil for Princess Diana on Friday in my congressional district.

I commend their work and hope that if anything good can come from this terrible tragedy—if any lesson can be learned—it is that we must all think twice before taking a drink and then getting behind the wheel. We owe it to Princess Diana, and all those who have been killed or maimed by drunk drivers, to heed this simple yet powerful lesson.

I support this resolution and want to personally express my deepest sympathies to Princess Diana's family, the British people and their government.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DICKEY). Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the resolution.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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#### ANNUAL REPORT OF FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS AUTHORITY, FISCAL YEAR 1996—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

In accordance with section 701 of the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-454; 5 U.S.C. 7104(e)), I am pleased to transmit the Eighteenth Annual Report of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for Fiscal Year 1996.

The report includes information on the cases heard and decisions rendered by the Federal Labor Relations Authority, the General Counsel of the Authority, and the Federal Service Impasses Panel.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON,  
THE WHITE HOUSE, September 4, 1997.

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#### REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF U.S. GOVERNMENT IN UNITED NATIONS AND AFFILIATED AGENCIES DURING 1996—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message