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SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BROWN of South Carolina). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. RAMSTAD) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. RAMSTAD addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

CELEBRATING MOTHER'S DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Indiana (Ms. CARSON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I really appreciate the Chair recognizing me as a young lady.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Mother's Day this Sunday, May 12, a day celebrated in the United States and many countries around the

world to celebrate motherhood and express appreciation of our mothers.

Our Founding Father, George Washington, once said: "My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education that I received from her."

The first celebration honoring mothers dates back to ancient Greece where spring celebrations were held in honor of Rhea, the mother of the gods. During the 1600s, England honored mothers by celebrating the day called Mothering Sunday on the fourth Sunday of Lent, and it was in 1872 that the United States was introduced to the idea of Mother's Day by Julia Ward Howe, a lyricist of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," with the intention of Mother's Day being dedicated to peace.

Thirty-five years later, in 1907, a campaign led by Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia led to the establishment of Mother's Day as a national holiday in the United States. On May 8, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a joint resolution which dedicated the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day to express our appreciation of the love and devotion of our mothers.

My own mother, Velma Porter, who is no longer with us in the presence but certainly in my life, in the spirit, has always been my inspiration. She was my teacher, my defender and a continual source of strength and wisdom; and although my mother and I were not blessed with material wealth, I attribute the happiness of my childhood to the enormous strength of my mother and the strength of the community where we live.

Today, there are an estimated 35 million mothers in the United States. In today's world, mothers are faced with the challenge of not only raising children alone, but participating as successful equals of their male counterparts in all walks of life.

We often hear politicians especially bemoan the fact that there are too many single female heads of household, mothers, who are attempting to raise their children in the proper manner while they provide an economic and educational opportunity for their offspring. We often criticize women, mothers, who have been left to raise their families alone, not through any fault of their own, but through the premature demise of their husbands or through the total abandonment of their husbands and their children's father.

According to the AFL-CIO, 72 percent of the women with children younger than 18, 78 percent of women with children between the ages of 6 and 17, and 65 percent of women with children younger than 6 were in the labor force in 1997.

Those of us who are affiliated with Christianity, the Protestant religion, recall very vividly how Jesus revered his mother when he was in the middle of dying and had all of the opportunity