

mentors from the business community. The mentors meet with the students one hour a week to work on homework and projects.

The results from this mentoring program have been dramatic. Over a period of 10 years, 98 percent of the children in the Compact Program have graduated from high school—the number one graduation rate in the United States.

I would also like to discuss the crime prevention benefits of mentoring programs. In Florida, 70 percent of the inmates in our jails and prisons are high school dropouts. It costs taxpayers \$25,000 a year for each federal prisoner, compared with only \$5,000 a year to educate a student in our public schools. Clearly, making the investment in mentoring programs now will save us literally hundreds of millions of dollars down the road in terms of reduced jail costs and reduced welfare costs.

In summary, mentoring programs make a meaningful difference in the lives of our young people; they improve education, prevent crimes, and will save us money. I urge all of my colleagues to support National Mentoring Month by participating in local programs in their home districts—together we can make a difference in the lives of our children!

Mr. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, as a co-chair of the Congressional Mentoring Caucus, I am pleased to join my colleagues today in supporting House Resolution 25. This important resolution commends those who contribute their time and talents to mentoring programs and supports efforts to promote greater awareness of the need for mentors. As we recognize National Mentoring Month, we should all celebrate the positive effects that mentors make in assuring brighter futures for young people.

Children who have mentors have a better chance of succeeding and are more likely to make positive choices. Young girls who have supportive mentors can grow up to be confident and powerful women by learning to make healthy decisions at an early age. The GirlVenture program in my home state of Minnesota has successfully connected more than 500 youth and 100 girls and their mothers with mentors who help them prepare for the workforce, become financially competent and make healthy life choices. GirlVenture also offers classes to help parents, educators and youth workers instill future-focused values in finances, relationships and leadership.

GirlVenture is just one example of the countless mentoring programs that are making a difference in the lives of young people. Unfortunately, there are far too many at-risk children who are on waiting lists, hoping to soon be matched with a caring mentor. According to the Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota, there are an estimated 75,000 young people who want and need an adult mentor in Minneapolis and St. Paul alone.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution to honor mentors and encourage others to give their time and guidance to a child. And I wish to commend those mentors who are currently helping to shape the lives of young people through mentoring.

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, as an original cosponsor of the resolution, this Member wishes to add his strong support for H. Res. 25, which supports efforts to encourage more individuals to become mentors. In addition to raising awareness, a key provision is to commend those who give their time and talents to support mentoring initiatives.

This Member would like to commend the distinguished gentleman from Ohio [Mr. BOEHNER], the Chairman of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, and the distinguished gentleman from California [Mr. MILLER], the ranking member of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce for bringing this important resolution to the House Floor today; this issue is very timely as January 2003 is National Mentoring Month. This Member would also like to commend the distinguished gentleman from Nebraska [Mr. OSBORNE] for sponsoring H. Res. 25 and for his personal interest in establishing mentoring opportunities nationwide.

Many children throughout the United States face difficult situations—and when matched with a caring and responsible adult, positive results ensue. Research has shown that mentoring benefits young people in a positive manner by increasing school attendance, improving rates of secondary school graduation and college attendance, decreasing involvement with drugs and alcohol, and reducing violent behavior.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, this Member urges his colleagues to support H. Res. 25.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, in a time when our children face increased dangers from crime and other social ills, it is imperative that we seize upon every opportunity to ensure that their lives take a course that will deliver them safely to adulthood, properly equipped with the tools needed to thrive, grow and take over the responsibilities of leadership in our society.

We know that children learn and emulate what they are taught and have seen in their environment. Their realities are whatever society at large has presented—either through direct contact, or through the potentially boundless influence of television and the internet. We understand, however, that the best way to ensure that our children are imbued with the values, education and culture that a strong nation requires is to make sure that we take individual responsibility for the upbringing of every single child in our society.

Mentoring is an excellent way to reach beyond just our immediate families to embrace our extended family of young Americans. It is true that it takes a village to raise a child, and if each of us American villagers assumes the shared responsibility of looking after our most precious resources by mentoring them, we will go a long way toward making our society a better place.

Mentoring can take form in many ways—from serving as a tutor to a young person who needs academic help, to coaching young people in Little League and other sports events designed to instill confidence and leadership. Simply being a good example to a young person in our lives can leave an indelible positive mark that they will be likely to pass along to another youngster when they become of age.

January is National Mentoring Month, and we should encourage all Americans to serve as role models and mentors now and throughout their lives. The minimal sacrifice that it takes to expose a young person to what is good and to help shape their values system in a positive way can be best looked upon as priceless investment in our future. This is an investment that all Americans can afford to make, and one that none of us can afford to ignore.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. OSBORNE) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 25.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. OSBORNE. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

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#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 44 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 6 o'clock and 32 minutes p.m.

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#### SWEARING IN OF MEMBER-ELECT

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Oregon (Ms. HOOLEY) kindly come to the well of the House and take the oath of office at this time.

Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter. So help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations, you are now a Member of the 108th Congress.

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#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will now put the question on motions to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

House Resolution 26, by the yeas and nays; and

House Resolution 25, by the yeas and nays.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first such vote in this series.