

MICROSOFT EU DECISION

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 25, 2004

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I'm from Seattle and I have a good neighbor named Microsoft.

A while back, they got out of line. The European Union said so. Microsoft said so.

Both sides have been negotiating to reach a just and fair settlement. It looked like good faith negotiations would lead to a common good solution. But, the decision issued by the EU falls short in my judgment.

At best, the EU leaves the matter unresolved with more legal action a certainty. At worst, consumers across Europe face confusion, and perhaps even fewer choices than anyone intended in a settlement. We can do better. The EU should find a way to re-visit its decision.

On the horizon are extraordinary new ideas and they will have their own challenges. We have to confront and settle the past. Fairly, yes. Fully, yes. Finally, yes. This is an opportunity to do just that. I hope the EU takes it. Thank you.

THE UNITED MEN OF PIKE FOR PROGRESS

HON. MAC COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

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Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize a very special organization in Pike County, Georgia. The United Men of Pike for Progress was founded in Zebulon, Georgia by six men who had a vision for Pike County—a vision of a better community. Today, this non-profit organization is bringing that vision to

reality through its dedication to promoting education, leadership, and strong values.

The United Men of Pike for Progress has made its mark in Pike County. They have provided over 600 food baskets and other funds for seniors and needy families throughout the community. Each year they sponsor programs in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Day that bring the entire community together. For students, they have provided more than eighteen collegiate scholarships to high school seniors, they continually support Junior High School students by donating funds for field trips, and they have raised critical funds for numerous sports oriented High School Clubs.

The United Men of Pike for Progress plays an important role in advancing the quality of life for so many Georgians through its programs, services and outreach and will have a great impact upon the community for many years to come. I honor them for all that they do.