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Gutknecht	McCrery	Sanders
Hall (OH)	McDade	Sandlin
Hall (TX)	McDermott	Sanford
Hamilton	McGovern	Sawyer
Hansen	McHale	Saxton
Harman	McHugh	Scarborough
Hastert	McInnis	Schaefer, Dan
Hastings (FL)	McIntosh	Schaffer, Bob
Hastings (WA)	McIntyre	Schumer
Hayworth	McKeon	Scott
Hefley	McKinney	Sensenbrenner
Hefner	McNulty	Serrano
Herger	Meehan	Sessions
Hill	Meek (FL)	Shadegg
Hilleary	Menendez	Shaw
Hinchey	Metcalf	Sherman
Hinojosa	Mica	Shimkus
Hobson	Millender-	Shuster
Hoekstra	McDonald	Sisisky
Holden	Miller (CA)	Skaggs
Hooley	Miller (FL)	Skeen
Horn	Minge	Skelton
Hostettler	Mink	Slaughter
Houghton	Mollohan	Smith (MI)
Hoyer	Moran (KS)	Smith (NJ)
Hulshof	Moran (VA)	Smith (OR)
Hunter	Morella	Smith (TX)
Hyde	Murtha	Smith, Linda
Istook	Myrick	Snowbarger
Jackson (IL)	Nadler	Snyder
Jackson-Lee	Neal	Solomon
(TX)	Nethercutt	Souder
Jefferson	Neumann	Spence
Jenkins	Ney	Spratt
John	Northup	Stabenow
Johnson (CT)	Norwood	Stark
Johnson (WI)	Nussle	Stearns
Johnson, E. B.	Oberstar	Stenholm
Jones	Obey	Stokes
Kanjorski	Olver	Strickland
Kaptur	Ortiz	Stump
Kasich	Owens	Stupak
Kelly	Oxley	Sununu
Kennedy (MA)	Packard	Talent
Kennedy (RI)	Pallone	Tanner
Kennelly	Pappas	Tauscher
Kildee	Pascrell	Tauzin
Kilpatrick	Pastor	Taylor (MS)
Kim	Payne	Taylor (NC)
Kind (WI)	Pease	Thomas
King (NY)	Pelosi	Thompson
Kingston	Peterson (MN)	Thornberry
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Klink	Petri	Thurman
Klug	Pickering	Tiahrt
Knollenberg	Pickett	Tierney
Kolbe	Pitts	Torres
Kucinich	Pombo	Towns
LaFalce	Pomeroy	Traficant
LaHood	Porter	Turner
Lampson	Portman	Upton
Lantos	Poshard	Velazquez
Largent	Price (NC)	Vento
Latham	Pryce (OH)	Visclosky
LaTourette	Quinn	Walsh
Lazio	Radanovich	Wamp
Leach	Rahall	Waters
Lee	Ramstad	Watkins
Levin	Rangel	Watt (NC)
Lewis (CA)	Redmond	Watts (OK)
Lewis (KY)	Regula	Waxman
Linder	Reyes	Weldon (FL)
Lipinski	Riggs	Weldon (PA)
Livingston	Riley	Weller
LoBiondo	Rivers	Wexler
Lofgren	Rodriguez	Weygand
Lowey	Roemer	White
Lucas	Rogan	Whitfield
Luther	Rogers	Wicker
Maloney (CT)	Rohrabacher	Wise
Maloney (NY)	Ros-Lehtinen	Wolf
Manton	Rothman	Woolsey
Manzullo	Roukema	Wynn
Markey	Roybal-Allard	Yates
Martinez	Royce	Young (AK)
Mascara	Rush	Young (FL)
Matsui	Ryun	
McCarthy (MO)	Sabo	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

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NOT VOTING—16

Becerra	Gonzalez	Johnson, Sam
Berman	Hilliard	Lewis (GA)
Farr	Hutchinson	
Gillmor	Inglis	

Meeks (NY)	Parker	Shays
Moakley	Paxon	Smith, Adam

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Mr. DELAHUNT changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN ENGROSSMENT OF H.R. 3494, CHILD PROTECTION AND SEXUAL PREDATOR PUNISHMENT ACT OF 1998

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that in the engrossment of the bill, H.R. 3494, the Clerk be authorized to correct section numbers, cross-references, tables of contents, and punctuation, and to make such other stylistic, clerical, technical, conforming, and other changes as may be necessary in reflecting the actions of the House in amending the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 3494.

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

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 2497

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove my name as a cosponsor of H.R. 2497.

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

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 3396

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be deleted as a cosponsor of H.R. 3396, the Citizens Protection Act of 1998.

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

There was no objection.

CONDEMNING THE BRUTAL KILLING OF MR. JAMES BYRD, JR.

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of House Resolution 466, condemning the brutal

killing of Mr. James Byrd, Jr., and ask for its immediate consideration in the House; that debate on the resolution continue not to exceed 20 minutes, equally divided and controlled by the gentlewoman from Kentucky (Mrs. NORTHUP) and myself; and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the resolution to final adoption without intervening motion or demand for a division of the question.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATERS)?

There was no objection.

The text of House Resolution 466 is as follows:

H. RES. 466

Resolved,

SECTION 1. FINDINGS.

The House of Representatives finds as follows:

(1) Mr. James Byrd, Jr., a 49-year-old disabled African American male from Jasper County, East Texas, was last seen walking home from a niece's bridal shower on June 6, 1998, and allegedly was offered a ride by 3 young white men, who then proceeded to physically and mercilessly beat Mr. Byrd in Jasper, Texas, then chained him to the back of a pickup truck and dragged him until the torso of his body was torn to pieces.

(2) Mr. James Byrd, Jr.'s body was found Sunday, June 7, 1998, on a bumpy, winding country road about 10 miles from his Jasper home, at the end of a trail of blood along a 2-mile stretch of road with his head, neck, and right arm severed.

(3) Mr. Byrd was so brutally disfigured that his head and torso were completely severed, with his head, neck, and right arm found about a mile away, and only finger prints could be used to identify him.

(4) Mr. Lawrence Russell Brewer, 31, of Sulphur Springs, Texas and Mr. Shawn Allen Berry, 23, and Mr. John William King, 23, of Jasper, Texas, all of whom have past criminal records and have served time in prison or were on probation, have been charged with murder and are being held without bail.

(5) The police released an affidavit of probable cause in which Mr. Berry said they had been out drinking and picked up Mr. Byrd as he walked down Martin Luther King Drive in Jasper early Sunday.

(6) Mr. Berry said that he stopped at a convenience store, but Mr. King was angry that he was giving a ride to a black man, so he took over at the steering wheel and drove to a remote area 7 miles outside of town, where they killed Mr. Byrd.

(7) The 3 men were known to be members of various hate groups, including the Ku Klux Klan and the Aryan Brotherhood.

(8) This was not a random act of violence, but a senseless, hate-filled crime.

(9) The Federal Bureau of Investigation also is investigating to see if the 3 could be charged with violating Mr. Byrd's Federal civil rights.

(10) One of the suspects allegedly said that they wanted to "start the Turner Diaries early," referring to a novel about race war that is popular reading among some hate groups and white supremacists.

(11) This incident is reminiscent of the brutal slayings that occurred at the turn of the century and in the 1920s and 1930s, with brutal hangings which brought the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People into existence and contributed to its growth in its early days.

(12) This and similar incidents threaten the peaceful coexistence, security, and foundation of all communities.

SEC. 2. CONDEMNING THE KILLING OF JAMES BYRD, JR.

The House of Representatives—

(1) condemns the actions which occurred in Jasper, Texas as unacceptable and outrageous, to be condemned by all people of all races, creeds, and religions;

(2) pledges to do everything in its power, including holding public hearings, to probe the underlying causes of this brutal killing and to make sure that the United States does not return to the days when such hatred, brutality, violence, hangings, and murder were deemed acceptable;

(3) calls on the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Justice, the White House, and all other Federal law enforcement agencies to conduct an immediate, full, and fair investigation into all of the facts of the case to aggressively respond to this tragedy with indictments, and urges the prosecution proceed aggressively with a fair but speedy trial;

(4) calls upon each Member of Congress and every citizen of the United States, in his or her own way, through his or her church, synagogue, mosque, workplace, or social organization, to join in denouncing and getting others to denounce this outrageous murder of another human being; and

(5) pledges to join in efforts to bring an end to racism and an end to the fear and hatred which underlie it, and to encourage all Americans to dedicate themselves to ending racism and violence in the United States.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the unanimous consent request, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATERS) will be recognized for 10 minutes and the gentlewoman from Kentucky (Mrs. NORTHUP) will be recognized for 10 minutes.

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentlewoman from Kentucky (Mrs. NORTHUP) and I be permitted to add the names of any Members desiring to be original cosponsors by the end of business today.

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

There was no objection.

Mrs. NORTHUP. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the following Members be considered as original cosponsors of the resolution: Messrs. GINGRICH, ARMEY, HASTERT, BOEHNER, LINDER, WATTS of Oklahoma, GEPHARDT, BONIOR and FAZIO of California, Ms. DUNN, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio and Mrs. KENNELLY.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Kentucky?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATERS) is recognized for 10 minutes.

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself 2 minutes.

Mr. Speaker, today the Congressional Black Caucus members and our colleagues on both sides of the aisle join with many other citizens of this country in sending our heartfelt condolences to the family of James Byrd, Jr. We, too, are pained by this senseless and racist killing. We are outraged

that three young white men with ties to white supremacist hate groups apparently believed that Mr. Byrd's life had no value, simply because he was black.

These men, who allegedly offered Mr. Byrd a ride home, beat him, chained him to the back of a pickup truck and dragged him until his body was torn to pieces. Mr. Byrd's head, arm and neck were severed and strewn along a two mile stretch of country road about 10 miles from his home in Jasper, Texas.

This is a hate crime, pure and simple, that is what it is, and it should be charged as one.

Each and every Member of this body should join the Congressional Black Caucus on this House resolution to condemn the murder as unacceptable and outrageous and to pledge to do everything in his or her power to probe the underlying causes of this brutal killing, to make sure that the United States does not return to the days when such hatred, brutality, violence, hangings and murder are deemed acceptable.

Mrs. NORTHUP. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I also welcome this opportunity, however it is a very, very sad time for this country in light of the very brutal slaying of James Byrd. It is important and it is appropriate that this House pass this resolution and state emphatically how important it is that we resolve the racial separation that exists in this country today.

Officially we have to protect everybody's civil rights, and we know that this resolution requests that we do that. But, far beyond the legal responsibilities of protecting civil rights, we have to put the prestige and the leadership of this Congress forward and say that it collectively represents our personal sense of outrage.

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This goes way beyond our outrage at the violation of Mr. Byrd's legal civil rights. Racial hatred is wrong. It is wrong in actions, it is wrong in the mind, and it is wrong in the heart.

While the legal system will attack the actions, we have to, through our message, say that racial hate is wrong in our heart and in our mind. Every one of us and every American has to say in every way they can I love you, I accept you, and I want to reach out to you.

We in this country of every race and especially to those that are most vulnerable and in the minority have to say every way possible that we want to share our lives, we want to share our neighborhoods, we want to share our schools, we want to share our families.

In every way possible, we have to reach across whatever divides us. This means every American. This means every neighborhood. This means every economic group. In the end, this country will rise or fall as one. We will be part of the same community, the same neighborhood, and the same great country.

I believe in this country, Mr. Speaker. I believe in my friends on this floor. I believe in our communities. I believe if we all use this occasion to reach down as deep as possible and find as many ways as possible to reach across the divisions we share and resolve to close those gaps, to open those discussions, and to unite our hearts and minds, that we will make a difference, and that James Byrd's very brutal and outrageous killing will not be in vain.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. CONYERS).

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, we are indebted to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATERS) and the gentlewoman from Kentucky (Mrs. NORTHUP) for bringing us together on this resolution. I join it.

I also would like to mention that, out of a discussion with the chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HYDE), there is an agreement that we will hold hearings very shortly on the measure, House Resolution 3081, which would make this a Federal criminal offense.

Ironically, these kinds of civil rights violations are not violations unless they occurred on Federal property or unless they are connected to voter rights or civil rights activity. So it is with pleasure that, out of this tragedy, it can bring us forward and move us, move us forward, because every hate crime is an offense against the most basic values of the American system.

Mrs. NORTHUP. Mr. Speaker, may I ask how much time is remaining?

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE). The gentlewoman from Kentucky (Mrs. NORTHUP) has 7 minutes remaining. The gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATERS) has 7½ minutes remaining.

Mrs. NORTHUP. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HYDE).

(Mr. HYDE asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, words are very inadequate to encompass the dimensions of this tragic event. Everybody is shocked by it. It is a tragedy of immense proportions. It is right that the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATERS) and her colleagues bring this resolution to the floor. Attention has to be paid to these acts of inhumanity.

It is my strong feeling that the problems of racism will never be solved without a spiritual component until people realize we do share a common humanity. We are made in the image and likeness of our creator, and we are, indeed, brothers and sisters in the most profound way, not in the superficial way.

These events have to shock the conscience of the country. When they stop shocking us, then we have lost some sensitivity and some of our humanity. So let us not forget that these things

happen. They happen today. They happen in our country. Let us not look away. Let us not avert our eyes. Let us focus, let us try to find out what crazy, irrational impulses cause this. Let us try to root them out. Let us, again, take a renewed look at each other and try to find the things that we share in common and remember we are children of God.

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON).

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this week, we have been revisited by an ugly period in the life of our country. We know that we have had this in the past, and most of us thought it was a thing of the past. I know that it can happen. It happened in Jasper.

My sympathy goes out to the families, to that community, to my colleague who has stood up and been on target with the family and his district. It is clear that we cannot allow this kind of incident to go unnoticed. It is time for us to talk about it, educate each other, to alert all of America that this kind of act will not be accepted in this country.

It is clear that this community should not be singled out as a community that perpetuates this kind of attitude. This is not that kind of community. But it is an alertness to this entire Nation that the time is here, that we must address this type of dastardly act.

Mrs. NORTHUP. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. MCINNIS).

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentlewoman from Kentucky yielding me this time. I can tell you obviously this is tragic. It shocked everybody that has heard about it. I am not one of those kind of people that have a lot of forgiveness in my heart. I cannot forgive them. I tell you, in my opinion, this is an example of death. That is why I support the death penalty. This is inexcusable what those people did.

But I also want to point out to our colleagues this is horrible, it has got to stop, but it is not the only thing that has occurred in this last week. In Albuquerque, New Mexico last week, a couple days before this, did not get this kind of attention, we had a police-woman shot and killed. We had a border patrolman shot and killed last week in the State of Texas.

In my district, I am in the Four Corners, so actually within a mile or two of my district as well, we had methodically, in four separate incidents, two people, three people, one of them is now dead, shoot methodically four separate police officers. They are still on the loose.

The fact is we have some very, and I hate to use the word "sick", because I am afraid the defense attorney will pick up my utilization of the word "sick" on the congressional floor and have it assist in the defense of insanity

or something, but we have some very different individuals out there.

In my opinion, the way to stop this, we can have lots of hearings, but until we have punishment that really means something in this country, we are not going to stop these kind of outrageous crimes.

I commend the gentlewoman from California for standing up and bringing this resolution forward. Obviously the merits are very substantial. I pass my sympathies on to the family.

But I do want to say to all of my colleagues this is not an isolated incident. We do have problems with race out there we have also got to overcome. We also have other problems out there with crime, like shooting cops and some of the other shooting incidents. We need to stand up and stop talking about all this forgiveness and punish these people for what they are doing. That will stop them.

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I yield as much time as he may consume to the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GEPHARDT), our minority leader.

(Mr. GEPHARDT asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleagues to condemn this senseless, horrible, dastardly act of violence based on racial hatred. I personally want to extend the prayers and thoughts of all of us and our families to the family of James Byrd. They are in our hearts, in our prayers, in our minds at this time of overwhelming sadness and sorrow.

This death brings to mind the worst chapter in our Nation's history, when violent racial intolerance was practiced regularly in our land.

While it is the Byrd family that will bear the greatest burden in this tragedy, every one of us in America, every person is diminished by this act of violence.

I would simply ask our entire Nation that we all reach out and embrace this family as part of our American family and somehow help them heal the wounds that have been opened by this act of violence. I hope that some way we can work together so that this will not happen again to someone else in Texas or in Missouri or some other State in our union.

This is a shameful act. It is a dastardly act. It must not happen again. I thought, and I believe you thought, that we had ended this era. It has not ended. It must end. It must end.

Our prayers and thoughts, our belief, our compassion is with the family of James Byrd.

Mrs. NORTHUP. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE).

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the chairperson of the Congressional Black Caucus for her leadership, and I thank the

gentlewoman from Kentucky for her kindness in yielding me this time.

I think we are well aware that each Member who has come to the floor has not been in a shrieking voice. We have been in a strong voice. We have been demanding, but we have not been shrieking.

The reason is because what has happened to Mr. Byrd and his family is so very overwhelming that it takes almost a calmness to appreciate it and understand it.

This was a physically challenged individual, someone who was leaving a celebration by the family, walking home in a quiet, rural area of Texas; and, tragically, people like Lawrence Brewer and Shawn Berry and John King thought that they would have some fun and disregard his human dignity and drag him through the streets of Jasper, Texas, not reflecting upon those citizens, as my colleague and representative of that area has already said and will say, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. TURNER), but yet bringing to that community something that they will never, never forget.

A question was asked earlier today: What do you think about this happening in Texas? I simply said that Texas is not a poster child for hatred. This happens all over the Nation. That is why it is so very important that this resolution be confirmed, if you will, affirmed by the entire body of the United States Congress.

I would ask the Attorney General to establish a task force that is ongoing on investigating hate crimes across this Nation on why these kinds of incidences continuously occur.

Lastly, I would ask, as was asked in this particular resolution, that, as we go to our respective houses of worship this weekend wherever we may be, we should denounce what happened, but we should also pray. We should also ask that this cancer be removed from the soul of America. We can not go into the 21st Century if we are to take this cancer with us.

My sympathy to the family of Mr. Byrd. We should vote for this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give my full heart felt support for this powerful resolution from the members of the Congressional Black Caucus and the Texas Delegation as we all stand united in our horror as the gruesome reports about the brutal slaying of Mr. James Byrd in Jasper, Texas this weekend, have been diligently uncovered. I surely do not intend to sound callous, but as we all know, people in this country die every day. Some people die peacefully, some painfully, some die quickly, while others die patiently, but I can say without any reservation, that only a handful of people to have ever lived, died as savagely as James Byrd, Jr. did on a muggy Saturday night in Jasper, Texas this weekend.

Mr. Byrd, a physically challenged African-American man of 49 years old was discovered by his three Caucasian murderers because he was minding his own business; I guess they felt outdone because he dared to walk home in their presence after leaving the celebration

of his niece's bridal shower. Little did James know that this would be the last walk he would ever take in his life. These three savage butchers, Mr. Lawrence Brewer, Mr. Shawn Berry, and Mr. John King, took it upon themselves to mercilessly and relentlessly beat James Byrd until he reached the door of death, but somehow, even as they proudly stood over his convulsing carcass, their unquenchable blood lust was still not satisfied. So after taking a brief moment to decide what other pleasures they could derive from torturing James Byrd's shivering body, his murderers decided to take him on a "ride".

After making sure to thoroughly finish their vicious beating of a defenseless man, these three social and moral deviants proceeded to chain James Byrd's bloody and broken body to the back of their pick-up truck, and just drive away. For two miles, 3,500 yards, 11,000 feet, James Byrd's body was ripped and battered against the hard terrain of that East Texas country road, for two miles, for two miles, for two miles. The "ride" was so remarkably brutal that not only was James Byrd's body disfigured beyond recognition when found, but different parts of his body, like his head and arm, were found littered in a trail of blood stretching two miles long.

My first request is that the President of the United States order the Attorney General, Janet Reno, and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Louis Freeh, to take swift and decisive action in this matter. The President, as a man I know to be genuinely concerned about the state of race relations in America today, has found a sad and disheartening answer to his nationwide inquiries about race in the broken, bloody and disfigured body of James Byrd. Mr. President, let's not allow James Byrd to have suffered and died in vain.

Secondly, I hope that those of my colleagues who can legitimately appreciate the brutality of this inhumane act will not casually discount this slaying as an uncharacteristic, once-in-a-lifetime manifestation of bitter racial hatred. Hopefully, they will see it for what it is, merely the tip of the iceberg. Much like the scorching lava that steadily boils from under the surface of the earth, so do the fires of racial prejudice and hatred burn in the hearts of thousands upon thousands of racially insensitive men and women in this country. Some of them may not have the courage to beat a man and drag his dying body from the back of their speeding car, but nevertheless, they still find the courage to hate in their own special way.

Hate. It is always there, boiling just under the surface of where the eye can see, always ready to explode. But every now and then, even though America seems to have changed, a volcanic eruption of hatred and prejudice spews forth, and an innocent man like James Byrd is engulfed in the tragedy of its consuming liquid fire. I promise you, the name of James Byrd, Jr. will not be soon forgotten in the Chamber of this House, or in any arena within the supervision and oversight of this body. Racism is the one disease that all of the brilliant minds to have passed through this world have not been able to find a cure for.

The famed sociologist W.E.B. DuBois said that the color line was the great dilemma of the 20th century, as historian and Presidential Race Initiative Chairman John Hope Franklin has predicted that it will continue to be so on into the 21st century. Frankly, I stand in awe of the endurance of color line, and eventually,

before more innocent people have to suffer and die, someone will have to muster courage to erase it, once and for all. Thank you, I urge the entire House to fully support this unfortunate, but sorely needed resolution.

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Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER).

(Mr. HOYER asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the resolution and in deep dismay of the action.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this resolution. The heinous crime that we unanimously condemn today is a reminder that racism continues to be far too prevalent in our society. The brutal death of James Byrd, Jr. at the hands of ignorant, racist men should serve as a wake up call to every American and signify that there is still work to be done to promote and protect racial tolerance in our Nation.

It is unfortunate that we, as a Nation, have yet to appreciate the diversity of our country. How shameful that we have not reached a united point of tolerance and respect for our neighbors, judging them not by their race, color or nationality, rather, by the quality of their character, morals, and contributions to society. The children of this Nation should not be the unwitting witnesses to those who continue to foment racial hatred and violence, and they should be given the opportunity to extinguish the blemished record of racial intolerance that mar this century and the ones before it and start anew in the next millennium.

There is no explanation for the loss of life that was a result of racism and hatred and I condemn this act of cowardice. I join my colleagues and extend my heartfelt condolences to the family of Mr. Byrd and the people of Jasper, Texas.

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BONIOR), the minority whip.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, it is difficult to fathom how people could be so hateful, so completely cruel, and so utterly evil as to drag a man behind a pick-up truck until he was dead. This hate crime is a terrible reminder that racial hatred still infects this land, and it leaves us all feeling a sense of outrage and a sense of deep grief.

Ironically, for me, the night before I had just finished reading the beautiful book by John Lewis on his courageous struggle, his memoir of the civil rights movement, *Walking with the Wind*, in which he documents and talks about the courageous struggle by him and others to fight the ugliness of racism in America.

My colleague, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. MAXINE WATERS) has offered a resolution condemning this heinous crime, calling for a swift prosecution, and urging all Americans to raise their voice in condemnation of this atrocity.

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution, and I also offer my deepest condolences to the family of Mr. Byrd.

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Texas

(Mr. TURNER), whose district this incident occurred in.

(Mr. TURNER asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, James Byrd, Junior, was a constituent of mine. His brutal death has shocked the conscience and saddened the hearts of all of us. The people of Jasper, Texas, black and white, have joined in denouncing this tragic hate crime.

Local law enforcement officials have called upon the Justice Department to assist in fully prosecuting the perpetrators, and are committed to seeking the maximum punishment authorized by State and Federal law, including the death penalty.

I have personally urged the United States attorney to prosecute with the full force of Federal civil rights laws. For all of us who believe that racial prejudice and hatred have no place in American society, this tragic event is a reminder that much is left to be done, that no American is safe until every American treats his neighbor with dignity, regardless of the color of his skin.

Let us today renew our commitment to root out the vestiges of racial prejudice, that the tragic death of James Byrd be not in vain. I urge Members' support for this resolution for the Byrd family, for the people of Jasper, and for the American people.

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. JESSE JACKSON, JR.).

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, let me first begin by associating myself with the remarks of all the speakers who have preceded.

I want, for the 50 seconds or so that I have left, to address my remarks to the people of Jasper. They are hearing today the outrage of people across the United States, through their elected representatives, of what has occurred in their part of the country.

But they alone in Jasper share the burden and responsibility, the pain of rebuilding the spirit and the soul of their community. It is now their obligation to move beyond black and white, rebuilding the hopes of every child in Jasper whose self-esteem will be questioned by the entire country because of the acts of just a few.

So our colleagues today have come across the lines, Democrat and Republican, across lines of black and white, of liberal and conservative, to let you know that we are with you. We pray for you and the Byrd family during this very difficult time. Justice, we hope, is swift. We hope it is accurate. There was a time when laws did not protect people who were dragged across our streets, but we have laws on the books now that can make the difference.

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to continue for 5 minutes to accommodate those who have been waiting, and I think there is an agreement from the other side to do that.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE). So that the Chair is

clear, is the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATERS) making a unanimous consent request that 5 minutes be added to each side?

Ms. WATERS. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

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

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The majority and minority side will each have 5 additional minutes.

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. ELIJA CUMMINGS).

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the resolution to condemn the brutal murder of James Byrd in Jasper, Texas. This cruel and evil act is a shocking reminder to all Americans, regardless of race, that the threat of racial violence is alive and well in this country.

James Byrd was a 49-year-old father of three children. He was attacked by men who have espoused white supremacist motives for the killing. This man accepted a ride and lost his life. He was dragged behind a pick-up truck for nearly 3 miles. His head and arms were torn from his body. Lynching in 1998 in any part of this country is totally unacceptable.

Many may view this as an isolated incident. I am afraid to tell the Members, it is not. Similar acts have been committed in the State of Virginia and my home State of Maryland within the past 12 months. I call for a united, strong, and clear message from this body that this type of hateful and sick behavior will be dealt a swift and just blow.

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Indiana (Ms. JULIA CARSON).

Ms. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding time to me.

Mr. Speaker, I will be very quick, because we have heard very eloquent and profound statements in support of the resolution. I, too, obviously, rise in support of the resolution.

Let me paraphrase, if you will, a commentary that appeared in the San Antonio press. It said, "The monster of racism is born in fear, it is fathered by hate, and mothered by ignorance. Byrd's murder is a reminder that, left unchallenged, the monster grows stronger, always ready to strike."

It is important to note, I believe, that the last street on which James Byrd walked before he was murdered was named Dr. Martin Luther King, Junior. Dr. Martin Luther King, as we all know, stood for nonviolence, and the fact that Mr. Byrd has met an untimely fate in the manner that he has drives us to renew our support of Dr. Martin Luther King's movement on nonviolence. Indeed, Jasper, Texas, does not have a monopoly on incidents of this kind. They occur too often across America. I encourage Members' support of this resolution.

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. CARRIE MEEK).

(Mrs. MEEK of Florida asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, first of all, I want to thank my chairman, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. MAXINE WATERS) and my friend on the Committee on Appropriations on the Republican side for having the insight to bring this tragedy to the attention of America, and to help America understand that until we reach across both sides of these aisles, until we join hands, until we forget about race, color, or creed, we will not be able to solve the kinds of problems that caused the murder and killing of James Byrd.

It takes me back to the time when this happened in America very, very often. I want to plead to my colleagues and to America, do not let this happen again. Let us not turn back the clock. Let there not be any more James Byrds. Let us be sure that the ugly head of racism does not begin to raise its head again.

The only way we can keep it from raising its head is to be sure there is no one who is perpetuating this sense of racism or alienation.

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON).

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus for her leadership on this matter, and the gentlewoman from Kentucky (Mrs. NORTHUP) for managing this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, this is the end, not the beginning of the century, but this crime is a throwback to the sorriest period of American history, and reminds us that that history is not all done yet. Those who deprecated the President's race commission, take notice. Race is more complicated today.

This, however, is real simple. This is the worst of American racism, this is racist terrorism. I commend the local sheriff who made the arrests. I ask that the Federal officials remain involved until justice is done.

At the same time, I remind this body that if these were black men, we would be rushing them to the death penalty now, and as a principled opponent of the death penalty, I stand here to ask that these men not be executed. This country does not need to execute black men and it does not need to execute white men. I part company with those blacks in Texas that have called for execution. I ask that these men get life without parole.

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS).

(Mr. DAVIS of Illinois asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this resolution, and echo the sentiments of all my colleagues who have spoken.

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FROST).

(Mr. FROST asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this resolution, and to underscore that this act is condemned by people of all races in this country, black, white, and brown.

Mrs. NORTHUP. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I think it is important that we remember that when one black man is brutalized, every other person of race feels a greater sense of unease, and rightfully so. The effects of what happened in Texas will live long beyond one person. It would be impossible to measure the sense of dis-ease, dis-ease, that black Americans all across this country feel as a result of this act. Because of that, it is important that we register our outrage and our agony.

I want to thank the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATERS) for her resolution, for giving Congress and for giving this body the collective opportunity to share our outrage. Many white Americans wish that they had the opportunity to share their sympathy and their sorrow over what happened.

So on behalf of them, I wish to thank the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATERS) and the Black Caucus for this opportunity, and to share with the Members the sympathy that so many Americans feel all across this country, and our commitment to a better America, where this will not happen in the future.

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from California (Mr. MILLER).

(Mr. MILLER of California asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this resolution, and join our colleagues on the Congressional Black Caucus and our other colleagues in expressing our sorrow and our anger and our sympathy for the family of this very unfortunate victim.

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from Oregon (Ms. FURSE).

(Ms. FURSE asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. FURSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this resolution, and to decry with the greatest of outrage the violence and the cowardice, the cowardice, of this act. I stand in support of my colleagues on this resolution.

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, I stand here today proud of my colleagues. I would like to thank the gentlewoman from Kentucky (Mrs. NORTHUP) for joining with me and others as principal cosponsors on this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, we are very tired. We are very pained, and we wish that this

nightmare would stop and it would go away. Unfortunately, we are perhaps saddled with the responsibility of fighting against racism and discrimination and marginalization, and all of those evils that we find ourselves confronted with.

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And while I am disgusted and I am tired and I am pained, I will not go away. The members of the Congressional Black Caucus will not go away. And Members who want to live in this Nation in peace and harmony will not go away.

So to those who would dare think they can frighten us, they can scare us, they can cause us to want to resign ourselves to the fact that there will be violence, let me just say that is not going to be the case. We will never resign ourselves to that inevitability.

We will fight, we will work, we will provide leadership, we will do everything that is possible to make this Nation what it could be and what it should be.

Mr. Speaker, we end this week of work with these little cards that we spread out throughout the United States, and it is just the Congressional Black Caucus 10-Point Alert, and it gives 10 points about what to do to avoid violence and confrontation, no matter how much racism may be any place, any time, anywhere.

I stand here as a Member of Congress, a Member of the Congressional Black Caucus, knowing that when I leave here with many of the Members of this caucus that we go to our districts, we go to other places around this country, we do not know what we will encounter. We are proud black Americans who intend to make America everything that we ever dreamed it could be.

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to join my CBC colleagues, and so many others, in support of this bi-partisan resolution condemning the outrageously brutal slaying of Mr. James Byrd, Jr. on June 6, 1998 in Jasper County, East Texas. I also want to send my heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Byrd.

I am gratified that this Congress has acted expeditiously to publicly express its collective outrage at this horrific incident. It is almost unfathomable that today, in 1998, we are still plagued by this kind of hatred. When I heard the details of this murder, my blood went cold, and chills went up my spine. The details are painful to hear, but it bears repeating so that we fully understand the severity of the problem.

Mr. Byrd was walking home from his nice's bridal shower on June 6, 1998. As he walked home three young white men offered him a ride home. They then drove to a remote area 7 miles outside of town where they mercilessly beat him and then proceeded to chain him to the back of a pickup truck and dragged him until the torso of his body was torn to pieces. His head, neck and right arm were severed and located a mile away from his body. Fingerprints were the only means possible to identify the body. Mr. Byrd was a son, a brother, a father. He was known as a friendly spirit.

Unfortunately, it was this friendliness and belief in humanity that led to his ultimate demise. It is unfortunate for all of us that we need to be suspicious of the kindness of strangers for fear that they may in fact have ulterior motives.

The three men charged with this heinous crime have past criminal records and have ties to white supremacist groups. It is easy to dismiss this act and its perpetrators as aberrations, so outside of the norm, that they do not warrant much of our attention. But it is exactly this complacency that has allowed this insidious hatred and violence to continue to reach into our communities and our young people. This is not an isolated incident. We have seen hate crimes around this country escalate. We cannot turn a blind eye any longer. We must act swiftly and quickly to end our complacency and condemn these acts.

This action is clearly a hate crime and I expect that it will be charged as one. Justice should be swift but fair. I hope if the accused are found guilty that they are imprisoned for the remainder of their lives. I believe in the sanctity of life, even for those who do not value the lives of others.

These incidents threaten the security and foundation of our communities and this very nation. We cannot return to the days when lynchings, and similar acts of brutality, such as this one, were acceptable. I feverently hope that this horrifying murder will spur all people of conscience to act within their own communities to ardently work to stem the tide of hate that invariably leads to these violent acts of brutality.

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, it is always difficult for me to describe my thoughts when my feelings so overwhelm me. I would first like to extend my heartfelt sympathy and admiration to the Byrd family, their strength in the face of such sorrow is truly a testament to the power of the human character. Their pain most of us can only imagine. All Americans are affected by this tragedy.

This lynching, this hate crime, this murder, is a throwback to days that remain an affront to our national dignity, to our American way of life, and we cannot tolerate such actions and still call ourselves Americans. It is a horrifying reminder that while we have made so much progress in our quest for civil equality and civil society, we still have so far to go.

Mr. Speaker, I call on all of us to steal the power of this act, to twist this tragedy into something that we can use to fight the hatred that caused it, something that will instill fear in the hearts of hatemongers everywhere . . . let us use this shared outrage, this shared anger to solidify our commitment to the pursuit of true civil equality, to real civil rights. And let us make the senseless death of James Byrd mean something . . . we must not let such actions continue in America.

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my outrage at the vicious, cold-blooded murder of Mr. James Byrd, Jr. in Jasper, Texas. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to his family—his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Byrd, Sr., his siblings, and his children, Renee, Ross and Jamie. They are in our thoughts and prayers during this time of such enormous pain and anguish. May they be comforted by the outpouring of support and concern from so many people throughout the nation.

Mr. Speaker, sadly, this horrific incident did not occur in a vacuum. Atrocities such as this

happen in part because of a national climate which is far too tolerant of racial hatred. Militia groups, skinheads, neo-nazis and other hate groups spread messages of hate and bigotry. Certain talk radio shows encourage racial division and mistrust. Even some police officers, who are sworn to be our protectors, have engaged in racist patterns of behavior by targeting African American motorists in what has been labeled "racial profiling" or Driving While Black. In my home state of New Jersey, four young black men were recently shot by two white state troopers after they were pulled over for allegedly speeding. This was just the latest of a string of similar incidents, many of them resulting in fatalities. It is time to say "enough." It is time for all Americans to stand up and say that racially motivated violence is wrong and will not be tolerated in the most powerful democracy in the world.

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I am a strong supporter of this resolution condemning the brutal murder of Mr. James Byrd, Jr. I was outraged when I heard about the vicious and hateful crime that took place in Jasper, Texas over the weekend. It sickens me to know that in this day and age, what amounted to a lynching can still take place in America. There can be no question that this crime happened because of the hardened criminal nature of the attackers, who made vile references to the killing of both blacks and Jews during the attack.

One of the men has already confessed to being part of this senseless act of violence. All three of them should be tried and quickly convicted for this heinous crime. My sympathies go out to the family of the victim, Mr. Byrd, and I hope that the penalties are swift and severe for his killers.

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, race violence reared its ugly head in the small Texas town of Jasper this past weekend, making it all too clear in our minds that racism is no phantom of a bygone era. A 49-year-old father of three children, James Byrd, Jr., appears to have been brutally murdered because his skin color is black. All of us must stand up, here in Congress at every street corner across America, and shout out this hatred from our midst.

The murder was especially brutal. According to local authorities and media reports, the hate-motivated perpetrators tied Mr. Byrd by the ankles to the rear bumper of a pickup truck and then dragged him for at least a mile. When it was all over, only a decapitated and dismembered corpse, with clothes bunched up around the ankles, remained. It took fingerprint records to identify the body as that of Mr. Byrd.

The alleged murderers appear to have significant ties to hate groups such as the Ku Klux Klan and other white supremacist groups. These organizations prey on the disaffected and convert their fears into venom. They preach of race wars against African-Americans, Jews and other minorities. Ultimately, they are at war with all of us.

Even as we castigate those who committed this brutality, it is worth remembering the many good people of Jasper, people of different races and backgrounds who work and live together in peace. They too are victims, because this act of hatred has shattered their peace.

We should all take this tragedy and give it meaning by committing ourselves to fight bigotry and senseless hatred, and to build even

stronger bonds of trust and understanding among all people. The San Antonio Express-News in its editorial stated that the "monster of racism is born in fear, fathered by hate, and mothered by ignorance." We can and must challenge racism. Together, we can chain the beast.

The full text of the editorial is reprinted below.

[From the San Antonio Express-News, June 11, 1998]

RACISM AND VIOLENCE EXPLODED IN JASPER

Two of America's great obsessions—race and violence—intersected on a small-town Texas street last weekend.

They collided in an act so barbaric as to transform James Byrd Jr. into the Emmitt Till of his generation.

In 1955, while visiting relatives in Mississippi, the 14-year-old Till became a symbol for racial violence when he was beaten to death by two white men who then tied him to a cotton fan and dumped him into a river.

Forty-three years later, 49-year-old Byrd, a father of three, was murdered because he was black. Not for acts he did, words he spoke or for something valuable he possessed.

That is what has transfixed the nation's horrified gaze on the East Texas town of Jasper.

At least two of the ignorant thugs accused of his murder sport tattoos suggesting they are members of a white supremacy group.

When they looked at Byrd, they did not see a human being.

So they beat him, tied him to a pickup truck and dragged him for two miles until he was literally torn to pieces, his body parts strewn along a country road.

It's easy to condemn this murderous act and to denounce the murderers. What's not so easy is to be vigilant against the more subtle acts and attitudes of racism out of which such violence grows.

The racism exhibited by these men did not spring full-blown from their hearts. As long as its seeds are planted and nurtured, such atrocities will persist.

The monster of racism is born in fear, fathered by hate, and mothered by ignorance. Byrd's murder is a reminder that left unchallenged, the monster grows stronger, always ready to strike.

The last street on which James Byrd Jr. walked before he was murdered is named after Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The distance between King's vision of a nonviolent nation living in racial harmony remains greater than the two miles of country road on which Byrd was dragged and murdered.

Murdered because he was black.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I wish to associate myself with the remarks of the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. FORD) as well as of the other Members of the Congressional Black Caucus who so eloquently expressed themselves regarding the recent outrage in Texas.

Our hearts and sympathies go to the family, friends, and loved ones of James Byrd, Jr., whose senseless, brutal death has shocked the soul of our nation. A two mile long trail of blood was left behind along the road upon which his body was dragged.

While the horror of this tragedy cannot be minimized, it is a lesson to all Americans—a lesson that we have a long way to go before the diseases of prejudice and bigotry are finally stomped out. As long as one American believes that an atrocity such as this is appropriate, then no American can sleep soundly at night.

We are hopeful that the perpetrators of this horrendous hate crime are quickly brought to

justice, and that they serve as an example that we as a nation will not tolerate this kind of criminal behavior.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson stated that the murder of James Byrd, Jr., is especially horrifying because it was "arbitrary" and thus, according to the Reverend, "worse than a conspiracy." Rev. Jackson went on to state that: "all of us must be concerned. It means none of us are safe."

Let us all in solidarity proclaim our indignation at this assault on human decency.

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, as an original cosponsor of House Resolution 466 I rise to join my colleagues from Texas and across the nation in condemning the racially motivated murder of James Byrd, Jr., in Jasper, Texas.

It isn't easy to find words strong enough to express my feelings and those of my fellow Texans about this act of evil. Revulsion, shock, outrage, and sadness are the first that come to mind.

First and foremost, Mr. Speaker, justice must be swift and sure. We need to bring all federal, state, and local resources and laws to bear in investigating, prosecuting, and punishing those responsible. At the federal level, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Justice must investigate this incident as the racially motivated hate crime that it is. Our society must determine whether this was an isolated incident or whether the perpetrators were connected to or motivated by hate groups.

Second, this murder is a wake-up call to all of us that such feelings of racial hatred unfortunately continue to exist in our nation today. It is difficult for most Americans to imagine how anyone could harbor such feelings, let alone understand how someone could act on them in such a sadistic manner. But this act is a reminder that we continue to need strong laws to protect the civil rights of all Americans and strong enforcement of these laws. This is racism at its most extreme, but we must remember that racism still exists in other settings as well—our workplaces, schools, and neighborhoods. We must fight racism wherever it raises its ugly head.

Third, this is a reminder to all Americans as individuals that we should not and must not tolerate hatred and discrimination based on personal characteristics. Government and laws can help, but we need a transformation of hearts and minds, and the best way to bring that about is through the example each of us sets, especially for our children. The people of Jasper and Texas, indeed people across the nation, have risen in condemnation of this awful act and in outreach to the family of James Byrd.

But the search for common ground and understanding cannot end when the funerals and trials do. The best way to honor the memory of James Byrd is to have zero tolerance for discrimination and hate every day.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE). All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to the order of the House of today, the previous question is ordered.

The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the

point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 397, nays 0, not voting 36, as follows:

[Roll No. 231]

YEAS—397

Abercrombie	DeFazio	Hutchinson
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Aderholt	Delahunt	Istook
Allen	DeLauro	Jackson (IL)
Andrews	DeLay	Jackson-Lee
Archer	Deutsch	(TX)
Armey	Diaz-Balart	Jefferson
Bachus	Dickey	Jenkins
Baesler	Dicks	John
Baldacci	Dingell	Johnson (CT)
Ballenger	Dixon	Johnson (WI)
Barcia	Doggett	Johnson, E. B.
Barrett (NE)	Dooley	Jones
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Bartlett	Doyle	Kaptur
Bass	Dreier	Kelly
Bateman	Duncan	Kennedy (RI)
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Bereuter	Edwards	Killdee
Berry	Ehlers	Kilpatrick
Bilbray	Ehrlich	Kim
Bilirakis	Emerson	Kind (WI)
Bishop	Engel	King (NY)
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Blunt	Etheridge	Klug
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Boehner	Ewing	Kolbe
Bonilla	Fattah	Kucinich
Bonior	Fawell	LaFalce
Bono	Fazio	LaHood
Borski	Filner	Lampson
Boswell	Foley	Lantos
Boucher	Forbes	Latham
Boyd	Ford	LaTourette
Brady (PA)	Fossella	Lazio
Brady (TX)	Fowler	Leach
Brown (CA)	Fox	Lee
Brown (FL)	Frank (MA)	Levin
Brown (OH)	Franks (NJ)	Lewis (CA)
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Burr	Furse	Lipinski
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Calvert	Gekas	Lofgren
Camp	Gephardt	Lowe
Campbell	Gibbons	Lucas
Canady	Gilchrist	Luther
Cannon	Gilman	Maloney (CT)
Capps	Goode	Maloney (NY)
Cardin	Goodlatte	Manton
Carson	Goodling	Manzullo
Castle	Gordon	Markey
Chabot	Goss	Martinez
Chambliss	Graham	Mascara
Chenoweth	Granger	Matsui
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Collins	Hastert	McHale
Combest	Hastings (FL)	McHugh
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Conyers	Hayworth	McIntosh
Cook	Hefley	McIntyre
Costello	Herger	McKeon
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Coyne	Hilleary	McNulty
Cramer	Hinchey	Meek (FL)
Crane	Hinojosa	Menendez
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Cunningham	Hooley	McDonald
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Davis (IL)	Hoyer	Minge
Davis (VA)	Hulshof	Mink
Deal	Hunter	Mollohan

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Moran (VA)	Rodriguez	Stenholm
Morella	Roemer	Stokes
Myrick	Rogan	Strickland
Nadler	Rogers	Stump
Neal	Rohrabacher	Stupak
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Neumann	Rothman	Talent
Ney	Roybal-Allard	Tanner
Northup	Royce	Tauscher
Norwood	Rush	Tauzin
Nussle	Ryun	Taylor (MS)
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Obey	Salmon	Thomas
Oliver	Sanchez	Thompson
Ortiz	Sanders	Thornberry
Owens	Sandlin	Thune
Oxley	Sanford	Thurman
Packard	Sawyer	Tiahrt
Pallone	Saxton	Tierney
Pappas	Scarborough	Torres
Pascarell	Schaefer, Dan	Towns
Pastor	Schaffer, Bob	Traficant
Paul	Scott	Turner
Payne	Sensenbrenner	Upton
Pease	Serrano	Velazquez
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Petri	Shimkus	Wamp
Pickering	Shuster	Waters
Pickett	Sisisky	Watkins
Pitts	Skaggs	Watt (NC)
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Pomeroy	Skelton	Weldon (FL)
Porter	Slaughter	Weldon (PA)
Portman	Smith (MI)	Weller
Poshard	Smith (NJ)	Wexler
Price (NC)	Smith (OR)	Weygand
Pryce (OH)	Smith (TX)	White
Quinn	Smith, Linda	Whitfield
Radanovich	Snowbarger	Wicker
Rahall	Snyder	Wise
Ramstad	Solomon	Wolf
Rangel	Souder	Woolsey
Redmond	Spence	Wynn
Regula	Spratt	Yates
Reyes	Stabenow	Young (AK)
Riley	Stark	Young (FL)

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Baker	Gutierrez	Meeks (NY)
Barr	Hall (OH)	Moakley
Barton	Hefner	Murtha
Becerra	Hilliard	Parker
Berman	Houghton	Paxon
Callahan	Inglis	Riggs
Cooksey	Johnson, Sam	Roukema
Everett	Kasich	Schumer
Farr	Kennedy (MA)	Shaw
Gejdenson	Largent	Shays
Gillmor	Lewis (GA)	Smith, Adam
Gonzalez	Meehan	Waxman

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So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BRADY. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote 217. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes." As a cosponsor of H.R. 3150, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote 225, had my vote been recorded.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 3629.

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 3629.

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

There was no objection.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BOYD. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained during rollcall votes 226 and 227 this morning.

I ask that the RECORD reflect that had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall 226; "no" on rollcall 227; and "yes" on rollcall 228.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I want to inquire about the schedule for next week, and I yield to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HASTERT).

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from Connecticut for yielding to me.

I am pleased to announce that we have concluded legislative business for the week.

The House will meet next week on Monday, June 15, at 12 noon for a pro forma session. There will be no legislative business and no votes that day.

On Tuesday, June 16, the House will meet at 1:30 p.m. for morning hour and at 2:00 p.m. for legislative business.

On Tuesday, we will consider a number of bills under suspension of the rules, a list of which will be distributed to Members' offices. Members should note that we do not expect any recorded votes before 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16.

On Wednesday, June 17, the House will meet at 10:00 a.m. to consider the following legislation: the conference report for H.R. 2646, the Education Savings Act for Public and Private Schools; and H.R. 3097, the Tax Code Termination Act. The House will also resume consideration of H.R. 2183, the Bipartisan Campaign Integrity Act of 1997.

On Thursday, June 18, the House will meet at 10:00 a.m. to take up H. Res. 463, a resolution to establish the Select Committee on U.S. National Security and Military/Commercial Concerns for the People's Republic of China. We will also continue consideration of H.R. 2183, the Bipartisan Campaign Integrity Act of 1997, on Thursday afternoon and on Friday, June 19.

Mr. Speaker, we hope to conclude legislative business for the week by 2:00 p.m. on Friday, June 19.

I thank the gentlewoman for yielding to me.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, if I may ask the gentleman one or two questions, when might we expect the second rule for campaign finance reform to come up next week?

Mr. HASTERT. I believe that rule will be up on Wednesday afternoon.

Ms. DELAURO. Wednesday, June 17?

Mr. HASTERT. Yes.

Ms. DELAURO. And are there any late nights expected next week?

Mr. HASTERT. We expect late nights both on Wednesday night and Thursday night.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, JUNE 15, 1998

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Monday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

HOUR OF MEETING ON TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 1998

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Monday, June 15, 1998, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16, 1998 for morning hour debates.

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

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. HASTERT. 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 Illinois?

There was no objection.

MURDER IN JASPER, TEXAS

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning as a Texan and as an American to express my disbelief over the horrendous crime that occurred in Jasper, Texas, that is now being called one of the most vicious racial crimes in modern Texas history.

In fact, the local prosecutor there in Jasper said that in his 20 years of being a prosecutor, he had never seen such a brutal crime.

I would like to send my deepest condolences to the family of James Byrd, Jr. This family is now dealing with the harsh realities of hate crime in America. Three men, who are alleged to be connected with white supremacy groups, have been charged with murdering a black man by chaining him to a pickup truck and dragging him almost three miles on a winding road through the woods of east Texas.

The victim's torso was found one place, his head another place, and his arm another place. Along the way, the victim was dismembered. This murder painfully illustrates the racial hatred that still exists in our society today.