

ensures that these State laws are not evaded through interstate activity. This bill is the Federal reinforcement to the enacted State measures providing constitutionally sound parental involvement in their childrens lives. Parental involvement during one of the most terrifying decisions a minor girl will ever make will improve medical care and safety for those young women.

The second purpose is to protect the rights of parents to be involved in the medical decisions of their minor daughters. Parents need to be aware that their minor daughter may be subjected to surgery or to the administration of drugs that could be dangerous to her health. There may be a multiple of potential health risks that the minor has no knowledge about including a history of family illness or allergies.

This is something that affects our entire Nation. In fact, in 1997, a study in the American Journal of Public Health reported that a leading abortion provider in Missouri refers minors out of State for abortions if the girls do not want to involve their parents. Reproductive Health Services, which performs over half of the abortions performed in Missouri, refers minors to the Hope Clinic for Women in Granite City, Illinois. Research reveals that based on the available data the odds of a minor traveling out of State for an abortion increased by over 50 percent when Missouri's parental consent law went into effect. Furthermore, compared to older women, underage girls were significantly more likely to travel out of State to have their abortions.

A 1999 St. Louis Post-Dispatch news report confirms that the Hope Clinic in Illinois continues to attract underage girls seeking abortions without parental involvement. According to the report, the Hope Clinic performed 3,200 abortions on out-of-State women last year, and the clinic's executive director estimates that number is 45% of the total abortions performed at the clinic. The executive director also estimates that 13% of the clinic's clients are minors.

This legislation will work to protect our young children. I thank my colleagues for supporting this legislation and I look forward to swift action by the Senate. We cannot allow our children to make this life altering decision alone. Parents need to provide a protective hand; H.R. 476 is the protection our children deserve.

YMCA OF GREENVILLE, SOUTH  
CAROLINA

**HON. JIM DeMINT**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 29, 2002*

Mr. DeMINT. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, the YMCA is dedicated to building strong kids, strong families and strong communities; and

Whereas, the YMCA serves people of all ages, incomes and abilities through a wide variety of programs and services designed to meet changing needs; and

Whereas, the YMCA of Greenville lives its mission every day, "To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all"; and

Whereas, the YMCA of Greenville provides parents with high-quality, affordable child care, provides teens with a safe place to go after school; provides families a fun, affordable place to spend time together; provides seniors with social programs; and provides healthy programs and services for everyone in the community; and

Whereas, the YMCA of Greenville is part of a national movement that serves nine million children per year, that is the nation's largest child care provider, that currently serves one in ten teens, and that incorporate the values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility into all of its programs; and

Whereas, the YMCA of Greenville will further its commitment to this community with the opening of the George I. Theisen North Greenville Family Branch YMCA.

Therefore, be it resolved by the United States Congress, that it takes great pleasure in recognizing the newest member of the Greenville YMCAs—the George I. Theisen North Greenville Branch YMCA—and acknowledging with great pride the positive impact of the organization in this community.

COMMEMORATE THE DEDICATION  
OF THE RENOVATED BETHESDA-  
CHEVY CHASE HIGH SCHOOL

**HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 29, 2002*

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the dedication of a newly renovated Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School (B-CC High School). B-CC High School has, for the past seven decades, been a vital part of the community—growing from a little brick school house to the culturally diverse school it is today.

On April 28, B-CC alumni, families, former staff members, and students dedicated their renovated high school and highlighted the significant events occurring throughout the schools history. The origins of B-CC High School can be traced back to 1925, with a school house opening that was comprised of 14 classrooms and 388 students. The first graduating class in 1929, was comprised of six boys and eight girls.

During its history B-CC has created unforgettable moments for its students and community. In 1937, B-CC High School welcomed First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt to address its graduating class. During the 1940's, B-CC helped with the war effort by raising funds to help buy an amphibious tank for the army and other equipment. Also, 43 graduates of B-CC gave the ultimate sacrifice to ensure freedom during World War II. The 1950's brought change to B-CC as African-Americans were integrated into the school. In addition, the school was ranked as one of the top high schools in the country by Time magazine. The decade ended with future president John F. Kennedy delivering a commencement address in 1959.

On April 28, 2002, we celebrated the new era for B-CC High School with the dedication of the updated building. Principal Katy Harvey

is fortunate to lead the school into the 21st century, with new architecture and technology that will enhance the learning environment. The new school is worth the wait and sacrifice you have all made. You reflect the diversity and strength that makes America great. Our community is richer because of the students, faculty, and administration of B-CC High School.

COMMEMORATING JOHN DYSON

**HON. JOHN E. SWEENEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 29, 2002*

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Mr. John Dyson, former Commissioner of Commerce for New York State, advocate of New York State businesses, and creator of the "I Love New York" advertising campaign—a campaign that is familiar to all of us—whether a resident of the state or first-time visitor. The slogan is still popular today and the tourism industry from the many diverse areas throughout the state have benefited from its success.

In 1975—the year John was hired as head of Commerce—New York State was in the midst of an economic recession. As state officials developed a campaign to market the state's vacation opportunities, John led a team that determined tourism could be a vehicle to reverse the state's economic position. The simple yet effective "I love New York" campaign aroused pride among New Yorkers and caught on quickly as it was easily applied to the city and the countryside and has grown world-famous.

In addition to creating a timeless campaign that is still relevant today and symbolic of everything the state has to offer—from the culture of the City to the lakes of Upstate—John proposed, fought for, and won legislation and tax cuts to keep business in the state. Without John and the incentives he spearheaded, we may not be able to go to a show at Radio City Music Hall or call New York City the home of the American Stock Exchange. Through John's determination, he engineered a deal to save Radio City Music Hall and spearheaded a state effort to keep The American Stock Exchange in New York City.

The success of New York State's tourism industry can be accredited to the dedication of John Dyson. New York had the unique culture and resources to offer, but John led the way in promoting those assets that had not yet been utilized to their fullest potential with a slogan that appears everywhere—from T-shirts to bumper stickers and was complemented by a jingle that plays over radio waves and television commercials. The extremely trying time of the September 11 terrorist attacks put New York to the test, but New Yorkers showed their strength and used the symbolic "I love New York" campaign to show their support and solidarity adapting the slogan to "I love New York Now More than Ever."

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the accomplishments of Mr. John Dyson and his devoted efforts on behalf of businesses and the tourism industry in New York State.