

Mr. Speaker, my goal in Congress has been to promote more livable communities. Livable communities are those that are safe, healthy and economically secure.

There are many things that we in Congress can do to enhance livability. Whether it is requiring the Post office to play by the same rules as the rest of America by following local land use and zoning laws or by having more rational water policies to help protect and renew our waterways.

It is important that Congress lead by example and support policies and programs that contribute to the health, safety and economic security of our communities. One simple step we can take today is to support this resolution and the event that it will enable.

On May 10th, Earth Force will hold their annual Bike Rodeo on the Capitol Grounds.

This event is the culmination of a nation wide cycling education project. Children from all of our districts were asked to devise safe bicycling routes through their communities and share their proposals with their peers.

To commemorate their efforts Earth Force holds the bike rodeo to promote youth civic involvement and teach children about safe biking techniques.

This is a fun event with an important message. In 1998, 350,000 children 14 and under were treated in hospital emergency rooms for bicycle-related injuries. Collisions with motor vehicles account for 90 percent of all bicycle related deaths and 10 percent of all non-fatal injuries.

Bike safety education will go a long way to preventing these unnecessary fatalities and significantly enhance the livability of our communities.

This event is the perfect way to celebrate May as National Bike Safety Month.

Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds by the Earth Force Youth Bike Summit

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I welcome the support of my colleagues on this resolution and encourage you to join Earth Force on May 10th to celebrate the leadership demonstrated by the youths they are honoring.