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Order of Business: The bill is scheduled to be considered and adopted by unanimous consent on Monday, July 23rd.

Summary: The resolution states that the House:

- “expresses its sincerest condolences to the families of the 42 people killed in the March 6, 2001, explosion at the Fanglin elementary school in the Jianxi province of the People's Republic of China, including to the parents and families of the 37 young children who lost their lives as a result of this dangerous and forced child labor
- “expresses its gratitude to the Chinese and international journalists who reported the true cause of the explosion in response to the Chinese Communist Party's original attempts to put forward an `authorized', but false, version of the events”

The resolution also points out that the children (all ages 9, 10, or 11) killed in the explosion were being forced by elementary school officials to manufacture fireworks, that the exploitation of children in this case was systematically organized by the local Chinese government, and that Chinese Prime Minister Zhu Rongji has acknowledged these “violations of internationally recognized labor standards.”

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no expenditure.

Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?: No.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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