

105TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 251

To congratulate the Detroit Red Wings on winning the 1998 National Hockey League Stanley Cup Championship and proving themselves to be one of the best teams in National Hockey League history.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 18, 1998

Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. ABRAHAM) submitted the following resolution;
which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

To congratulate the Detroit Red Wings on winning the 1998 National Hockey League Stanley Cup Championship and proving themselves to be one of the best teams in National Hockey League history.

Whereas, on June 16, 1998, the Detroit Red Wings defeated the Washington Capitals, 4–1, in game 4 of the championship series;

Whereas this victory marks the second year in a row that the Red Wings won the Stanley Cup in a four-game sweep;

Whereas the Stanley Cup took its first trip around the rink in the lap of Vladimir Konstantinov, the Red Wing defenseman who was seriously injured in an accident less than a week after Detroit won the Cup last year;

Whereas Vladi and his wife Irina, whose strength and courage are a source of pride and inspiration to our entire community, are an exemplary Red Wings family and Vladi's battle is an inspiration to all Americans;

Whereas Marian and Mike Ilitch, the owners of the Red Wings and community leaders in Detroit and Michigan, have brought the Stanley Cup back to Detroit yet again;

Whereas the Red Wings, as one of the original six National Hockey League teams, has always held a special place in the hearts of all Michiganders;

Whereas it was a profound source of pride for Detroit when the Wings brought the Cup back to Detroit in 1954 and 1955, the last time the Wings won consecutive National Hockey League championships;

Whereas today Detroit continues to provide Red Wings fans with hockey greatness and Detroit, otherwise known as "Hockeytown, U.S.A.", is home to the most loyal fans in the world;

Whereas the Red Wings are indebted to head coach Scotty Bowman, who has brought the Red Wings to the playoffs 3 times in the last 4 years, and with this year's victory, has earned his eighth Stanley Cup victory, tying him with his mentor Toe Blake for the most championships in league history;

Whereas the Wings are also lucky to have the phenomenal leadership of team captain Steve Yzerman, who in his fifteenth season in the National Hockey League, received the Conn Smythe Trophy, given to the most valuable player in the National Hockey League playoffs; and

Whereas each one of the Red Wings will be remembered on the premier sports trophy, the Stanley Cup, including

Slava Fetisov, Bob Rouse, Nick Lidstrom, Igor Larionov, Mathieu Dandenault, Slava Kozlov, Brendan Shanahan, Dmitri Mironov, Doug Brown, Kirk Maltby, Steve Yzerman, Martin Lapointe, Mike Knuble, Darren McCarty, Joe Kocur, Aaron Ward, Chris Osgood, Kevin Hodson, Kris Draper, Jamie Macoun, Brent Gilchrist, Anders Eriksson, Larry Murphy, Sergei Federov, and Tomas Holmstrom: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the United States Senate congratu-
- 2 lates the Detroit Red Wings on winning the 1998 National
- 3 Hockey League Stanley Cup Championship.

