

H. Res. 516

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

September 9, 2002.

Whereas the Valley Sports American Little League baseball team from Louisville, Kentucky, is the first team from the United States to win the Little League World Series since 1998;

Whereas the Louisville team is the first team from Kentucky to ever reach the title game of the Little League World Series in the 56-year history of the Little League Junior Division championship;

Whereas the Louisville team has attained a select position as one of only 10 United States teams to win the Little League World Series in the last 35 years;

Whereas the members of the Louisville team demonstrated perseverance that rivals that of any adult, with a season that started in June and required winning both State and regional championships to reach the World Series;

Whereas throughout their season, the Louisville team scored 106 runs, while allowing their competition to score only 10 runs;

Whereas the Louisville team played expertly against a determined and talented Japanese team for the Little League World Series title;

Whereas the Louisville team broke multiple Little League World Series records through a single pitcher achieving 44 strikeouts and 21 scoreless innings;

Whereas the 12 players on the Louisville team are a model to the Nation's youth because of their dedication, determination, and sportsmanship;

Whereas in the legacy of world-renowned Louisville Slugger bats and Hall-of-Fame members Jim Bunning, Happy Chandler, Earl Combs, and Pee Wee Reese, the Louisville team has continued a long tradition of Kentucky contributions to the game of baseball;

Whereas the Louisville team's performance demonstrates to parents and communities throughout the Nation how athletic participation builds character and leadership in children; and

Whereas the Louisville team's spirit and camaraderie and the support of the team's family members are a testimony to baseball's ability to bring families together: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) congratulates the Valley Sports American Little League baseball team from Louisville, Kentucky, for their outstanding performance in winning the 2002 Little League World Series;

(2) recognizes Troy Osborne, the manager of the Louisville team, assistant coaches Keith Elkins and Dan Roach, and players Aaron Alvey, Justin Elkins, Ethan Henry, Alex Hornback, Wesley Jenkins, Casey Jordan, Shane Logsdon, Blaine Madden, Zachary Osborne,

Jacob Remines, Josh Robinson, and Wes Walden for demonstrating excellence and character throughout a summer of little league baseball; and

(3) commends Little League Baseball for its 63-year tradition of encouraging the development of sportsmanship and confidence in youth through its sponsorship of world-class baseball.

Attest:

Clerk.