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TRIBUTE TO THE CHAMPION HOUSTON ROCKETS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HAYWORTH). Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, the gentleman from Texas [Mr. DELAY] is recognized for 10 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, the Houston Rockets have done it again. How fitting that on Flag Day, the Rockets captured their second championship banner. Who would have thought just 7 short weeks ago that the Rockets would be the World Champions? Who could have thought that a team ranked No. 6 going into the Western Conference playoffs, could win it all? Who dared to dream that the combination of Hakeem "The Dream" Olajuwon and Clyde "the Glide" Drexler would accomplish something that eluded them in their years together at my alma-mater, the University of Houston? Well, the answer to these questions should be obvious—nobody. Nobody believed the Houston Rockets could win a second world championship; nobody but the Houston Rockets. And in the end, that's all that really mattered. Last night the Rockets used their magic brooms to sweep the Orlando Magic back to the land of Disney.

When Rudy Tomjanovich took the helm of this Houston ballclub 2 years ago, he inherited a team that many thought talented, but few thought capable of winning a championship. However, through their hard work and dedication, the Rockets proved their critics wrong.

This season, the Rockets had a sub-par regular season. They struggled at times and the trade for Clyde Drexler was viewed by many as being a mistake. Nonetheless, the Phi Slamma Jamma duo proved to be an unstoppable winning combination.

The Houston Rockets are a positive role model for our country. They are the underdogs who have overcome great odds to achieve a goal. And doesn't this country just love an underdog. The Rockets have taught us all a valuable lesson about believing in yourself and performing to the best of your abilities. With the heartbeat of a champion, they have captured their second crown with an unprecedented combination of humility and hunger. Sure, the Rockets have the greatest player on the planet in Hakeem Olajuwon. But this victory was not an individual one by any stretch. It was a team victory. That is the beauty of the Houston Rockets.

Last night, Hakeem was awarded the Most Valuable Player in the finals. As reporters bombarded him with ques-

tions about what winning the award meant, it seemed that all Hakeem could do was unselfishly pay tribute to his teammates. "We played team basketball," he said. "I'm just so happy for Clyde."

Last year, when the Rockets won, they were all seen as a mediocre team who happened to win it all during a year when no great team emerged. This year, having won it again, the Rockets have finally proven to the world what they and "Clutch City" have known all along. This team is a legitimate champion. They are the first NBA team to ever repeat with a sweep. And now, having won another world championship, the Rockets have shown themselves to be the greatest basketball team in the world.

I send out a heartfelt congratulations to owner Les Alexander, Coach Rudy Tomjanovich and the Houston Rockets basketball team. On behalf of a grateful city I thank them for giving us yet another ring to be proud of. So before I leave today, let me leave you with a poem, chronicling the play-off drive of the world champion Houston Rockets.

The play-offs started against the Utah Jazz; The Rockets beat 'em, but nobody spazzed; Next came the Suns and Charles Barkley; Their talent, I'm afraid, proved a bunch of malarkey;

The Spurs were on fire, the highly praised number one seed;

But the Rockets cut 'em down to size, like an overgrown garden weed;

Finally at last, the Magic fell to defeat; The Rockets left standing, shouting "Repeat!"

Yes, Shaq be nimble
Yeah, Shaq be quick

But Shaq came to Houston
And got his tail kicked.

How sweet it is!!!

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. KLECZKA (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for the week of June 13, on account of medical reasons.

Mr. DICKEY (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today, on account of official business.

Mr. McNULTY (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today after 2 p.m., on account of personal reasons.

Mr. YATES (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of illness.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. POSHARD) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. OWENS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MONTGOMERY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. POSHARD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mrs. KELLY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. SMITH of Michigan, for 5 minutes, today and on June 21.

Mr. DELAY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. EHLERS, for 5 minutes, today and on June 16.

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. GONZALEZ, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. STEARNS, for 10 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. POSHARD) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida.

Mr. LANTOS.

Mr. MONTGOMERY.

Mr. SKELTON.

Mr. MFUME.

Mr. MENENDEZ in two instances.

(The following Members (at the request of Mrs. KELLY) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. KING in two instances.

Mr. SPENCE.

Mr. GILCHREST.

Mrs. KELLY.

Mr. WALSH.

Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey.

Mr. WOLF.

Mr. SOLOMON.

Mr. DAVIS.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 20 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, June 16, 1995, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1037. A letter from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act which occurred at the Maryland Army National Guard, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); to the Committee on Appropriations.

1038. A letter from the Assistant Secretary (Special Operations/Low-Intensity Conflict),

Department of Defense, transmitting DOD's humanitarian assistance activities report, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 401 note; to the Committee on National Security.

1039. A letter from the Director, Administration & Management, Department of Defense, transmitting notification that the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Washington Headquarters Services, Real Estate and Facilities Directorate [RE&F], is initiating a study, to include a cost comparison that will encompass cleaning services performed at the Pentagon by Government employees, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2304 note; to the Committee on National Security.

1040. A letter from the Assistant Secretary (Force Management Policy), Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's report on the Civilian Separation Pay Program, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 5597 note; to the Committee on National Security.

1041. A letter from the General Counsel of the Department of Defense, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend section 404 of title 37, United States Code, to eliminate the requirement that travel mileage tables be prepared under the direction of the Secretary of Defense; to the Committee on National Security.

1042. A letter from the General Counsel of the Department of Defense, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend chapter 38 of title 10, United States Code, as added by the Goldwater-Nichols Department of Defense Reorganization Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-433; 100 Stat. 992), with respect to joint officer management policies for the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps; to the Committee on National Security.

1043. A letter from the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, transmitting the 11th annual report on the activities and expenditures of the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 10224(c); to the Committee on Commerce.

1044. A letter from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the report of the nondisclosure of safeguards information for the quarter ending March 31, 1995, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2167(d); to the Committee on Commerce.

1045. A letter from the U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, transmitting an opinion of the U.S. Court of Appeals (93-1652—American Scholastic TV Programming Foundation versus FCC); to the Committee on Commerce.

1046. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of a proposed license for the export of major defense equipment and services sold commercially to the United Kingdom (Transmittal No. DTC-35-95), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

1047. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of a proposed license for the export of major defense equipment and services sold commercially to the United Kingdom (Transmittal No. DTC-37-95), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2779(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

1048. A letter from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1994, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(e); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1049. A letter from the Secretary, Smithsonian Institution, transmitting the semi-annual report on activities of the inspector general for the period October 1, 1994, through March 31, 1995, and the management report for the same period, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1050. A letter from the Chairman, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting the semiannual report on activities of the inspector general for the period October 1, 1994, through March 31, 1995, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1051. A letter from the Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives, transmitting the quarterly report of receipts and expenditures of appropriations and other funds for the period January 1, 1995, through March 31, 1995, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 104a (H. Doc. No. 104-85); to the Committee on House Oversight and ordered to be printed.

1052. A letter from the U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, transmitting an opinion of the U.S. Court of Appeals (90-3041—United States versus Anderson); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1053. A letter from the U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, transmitting an opinion of the U.S. Court of Appeals (93-1621—Cheney Railroad Co. versus Railroad Retirement Board); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1054. A letter from the Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals, transmitting the annual estimate of the expenditures and appropriations necessary for the maintenance and operation of the Court of Veterans Appeals Retirement Fund, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9503(a)(1)(B); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

1055. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting the second fiscal year 1995 DOD report on proposed obligations for facilitating weapons destruction and non-proliferation in the former Soviet Union, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 5955; jointly, to the Committee on National Security and International Relations.

1056. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting the Department's report entitled, "National Space Transportation Policy: Coordinated Technology Plan," pursuant to Public Law 103-337, section 211(f) (108 Stat. 2691); jointly, to the Committee on National Security and Science.

1057. A letter from the U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, transmitting an opinion of the U.S. Court of Appeals (93-1488—AFGE Local 3295 versus FLRA); jointly, to the Committees on Banking and Financial Services and Economic and Educational Opportunities.

1058. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification that the President has made a certification pursuant to section 577 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act of 1994, pursuant to Public Law 103-87, section 577(b) (107 Stat. 973); jointly, to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

1059. A letter from the General Counsel of the Navy, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled, the "Uniform National Discharge Standards for Armed Forces Vessels Act of 1995"; jointly, to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and National Security.

1060. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting a report on alternative transportation modes for use in the National Park System, pursuant to Public Law 102-240, section 1050(a) (105 Stat. 2000); jointly, to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Resources.

1061. A letter from the U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, transmitting an opinion of the U.S. Court of Appeals (94-3105—United States versus Durenberger); jointly, to the Committees on Rules and the Judiciary.

1062. A letter from the Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury,

transmitting the Department's March 1995 "Treasury Bulletin"; jointly, to the Committees on Ways and Means, Resources, Economic and Educational Opportunities, Commerce, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Agriculture.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 70. A bill to permit exports of certain domestically produced crude oil, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 104-139, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. QUILLEN: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 167. Resolution Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1817) making appropriations for military construction for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes (Rept. 104-140). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. PACKARD: Committee on Appropriations. H.R. 1854. A bill making appropriations for the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes (Rept. 104-141). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. LIVINGSTON: Committee on Appropriations. Report on the subdivision of budget totals for fiscal year 1996 (Rept. 104-142). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. CALLAHAN: Committee on Appropriations. H.R. 1868. A bill making appropriations for the foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes (Rept. 104-143). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Under clause 5 of rule X, the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 70. The Committee on International Relations discharged. Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 70. Referral to the Committee on International Relations extended for a period ending not later than June 15, 1995.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Mr. PETE GEREN of Texas, and Mr. BOEHLERT): H.R. 1851. A bill to authorize appropriations for carrying out the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 for fiscal years 1996 and 1997; to the Committee on Science.

By Mr. SCHIFF (for himself and Mr. PETE GEREN of Texas):