

contribution of parents and citizens in supporting these activities year after year should not go unnoticed. The patience and longstanding commitment of an entire community may not always pay off at the plate, but in the life of a child, it is truly a Home Run.

Mr. Speaker, the scoreboard at the end of the game may not have shown it, but these boys are true champions. Our community is proud of their accomplishments and I am honored to request that their names be inserted into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD in recognition of their achievement.

Team members: Adam Sorgi, Chad Lucas, Gary Gattis, Gavin Fabin, Ryan O'Donovan, Taylor Bennett, Mike Cusick, Nick Moore, Andrew Nieves, Adam Elconin, Brian Kraker, Ashton While, and Greg Oates.

TRIBUTE TO THE WARRINGTON
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 11 AND
12 YEAR OLD GIRLS SOFTBALL
TEAM

HON. JAMES C. GREENWOOD

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 1997

Mr. GREENWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the players and coaches of the Warrington Athletic Association Girls Softball Team which came in second this year in the Little League Softball World Series. These 11 and 12 year olds and their coaches worked extremely hard and exhibited outstanding team work first as champions of the Pennsylvania District 30 competition, then to the Pennsylvania State Championship, to become U.S. Eastern Regional Little League Champions. As the East champs they played the West and Central champs and the team from Latin America. The final challenge was two games against the Southern U.S. champions. The Warrington team won the first of those games in a come-from-behind contest. It was only at the very end that they were defeated by the South in the second game, and emerged as second in the world of Little League Girls softball. Second in the world is an outstanding accomplishment and I am proud to bring this team to the attention of this House. I extend them warm congratulations and the best of luck as they continue to play together.

Team members: Jamie Ahrens, Heather Bloemker, Katie Crawford, Kimberly Garrano, Ashley Kelly, Nicole McLearn, Linda Secka, Kip Crawford, Maryann Scarpill, Christine Alff, Jaci Borsos, Noel Darreff, Lauren Homa, Allison Morris, Jess Rankin, Cindy Spiecker, coach, John Rankin, and manager, Joe Spiecker.

INTRODUCTION OF THE INTERNET
GAMBLING PROHIBITION ACT OF
1997

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 1997

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Internet Gambling Prohibition Act of 1997, along with my good friend and

colleague from New Jersey, Representative FRANK LOBIONDO (R-NJ). I look forward to my friend from New Jersey in seeing this legislation signed into law. I would also like to thank my friend in the other Chamber, Senator JON KYL (R-AZ); for his leadership on this issue. The legislation that Mr. LOBIONDO and I are introducing today is intended to be the House counterpart to Senator KYL's bill, S. 474, and I am looking forward to working with Senator KYL on this issue as well.

The Internet is a revolutionary tool that dramatically affects the way we communicate, conduct business, and access information. As it knows no boundaries, the Internet is accessed by folks in rural and urban areas alike, in large countries as well as small. The Internet is currently expanding by leaps and bounds; however, it has not yet come close to reaching its true potential as a medium for commerce and communication.

One of the main reasons that the Internet has not reached this potential is that many folks view it as a wild technological frontier, with no safeguards to protect children and no legal infrastructure to prevent online criminal activity. The ability of the World Wide Web to penetrate every home and community across the globe has both positive and negative implications—while it can be an invaluable source of information and means of communication, it can also override community values and standards, subjecting them to whatever more may or may not be found online. In short, the Internet is a challenge to the sovereignty of civilized communities, States, and nations to decide what is appropriate and decent behavior.

Gambling is an excellent example of this situation. It is illegal unless regulated by the States. With the development of the Internet, however, prohibitions and regulations governing gambling have been turned on their head. No longer do people have to leave the comfort of their homes and make the affirmative decision to travel to a casino—they can access the casino from their living rooms.

The legislation I am introducing today will protect the right of citizens in each State to decide through their State legislatures if they want to allow gambling within their borders and not have that right taken away by offshore, fly-by-night operators. The Internet Gambling Prohibition Act gives law enforcement the tools it needs to crack down on illegal Internet gamblers by accomplishing three main goals: First, providing that anyone convicted of running an Internet gambling business is liable for a substantial fine and up to 4 years in prison; second, subjecting those who place bets or wagers with virtual casinos to a fine and up to 6 months in prison; and third, giving law enforcement the ability to request cessation of service to Web sites engaging in illegal gambling, with enforcement by court order if necessary. Additionally, the bill requires the Attorney General to submit a report to Congress on the effectiveness of its provisions.

This legislation is supported by organizations across the spectrum, from Ralph Reed to Ralph Nader, and from the National Coalition Against Legalized Gambling to the American Gaming Association. Additional supporter are the National Association of Attorneys General and the National Football League.

It is also important to note that this legislation does not preempt any State laws, does

not cover online new reporting about gambling, and does not apply to transactions that are legal in both the State in which they originate and the State in which they are received. The bill simply brings the current prohibition against interstate gambling up to speed with the development of new technology, as the Internet had not been created when the original law was passed and thus is not covered by it.

Mr. Speaker, online gambling is currently a \$200 million per year business, and could easily grow to \$1 billion business in the next few years. It is time to shine a bright light on Internet gambling in this country, and to put a stop to this situation before it gets any worse. The Internet Gambling Prohibition Act, which will keep children from borrowing the family credit card, logging on to the family computer, and losing thousands of dollars all before their parents get home from work, will do just that. I urge each of my colleagues to support the Internet Gambling Prohibition Act of 1997.

TRIBUTE TO PASQUALE AND
THERESA ARGENTO

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 1997

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, on September 1, 1997, my good friends, Pasquale and Theresa Argento, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. It gives me great pleasure to wish them my very warmest congratulations on this truly special occasion.

I have known both Theresa and Pat for years and I am so pleased to have this opportunity to talk about how much this couple has given to their family and to the New Haven community. Theresa and Pat are lifelong residents of New Haven and met when both their families lived on Chapel Street near Wooster Square. As almost no one else I've ever known, the Argentos have carried on the Wooster Square traditions.

Theresa is president of the St. Andrew's Ladies Society and cochairs the annual St. Andrew's Feast. The feast is one of my wonderful memories of friends and family. St. Andrew's keeps the strong feeling of community alive and Theresa has to be given credit for the hard work she does every year to organize it. She devotes an extraordinary amount of time and her efforts assure its success every year.

Although the New Haven community is their home, Theresa and Pat have not forgotten their Italian heritage. Theresa has done amazing work with the sister cities project which sponsors exchanges with New Haven's sister city of Amalfi, Italy. Promoting the exchange of students, knowledge, and culture, Theresa has ensured that the New Haven descendants of Amalfi will not forget their roots. Because of her work, my step-son, Jonathon, will always remember his time in Amalfi.

Pat and Theresa have spent a lifetime working hard for their family. Their devotion to their two wonderful children, Frances and Antoinette, and their four grandchildren, Evelyn, Robert, Alison, and Jessica, is a testament to their love for each other.

It gives me great pleasure to rise today on behalf of the Argentos. I am grateful to them

for all they have done for me and my family and I am proud of all their hard work on behalf of so many. I join their family and their many friends in wishing them a very happy anniversary and many more years of good health and happiness. They truly deserve it.

A TRIBUTE TO THE TRONA
FOURSQUARE CHURCH

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 1997

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to bring to your attention the community-wide celebration taking place later this month in the High Mojave Desert of San Bernardino County. The congregation of the Trona Foursquare Church will be celebrating its 58th anniversary on September 28th, as well as honoring its pastors for 25 years of service to the community. A dinner and evening of fellowship will mark this important occasion on September 27th.

Reverend and Mrs. Melvin Wilson came to Trona in July of 1972. Living in Trona, they have faithfully served their church family while involving themselves in numerous ways in the life of the local community. Their love, care, concern, influence, and loyalty is reflected in their service which touches literally everyone in Trona. They have truly been, by all accounts, servants of God. The citizens of Trona are grateful beyond words for their devotion and I am proud to ask our colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in saluting them today.

I would also like to pay special tribute to the Trona Foursquare Church as it, too, celebrates an important milestone—its 58th anniversary. To say the least, the entire community is very much looking forward to a weekend of celebration to mark both the service of Reverend and Mrs. Wilson, as well as the anniversary of the church itself.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me and our colleagues in paying tribute to the Trona Foursquare Church as it celebrates these important moments in its history. It is only appropriate that the House recognize Reverend and Mrs. Wilson for their 25 years of faithful community service, as well as the service of this church as it, too, celebrates a most esteemed anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO THE 25TH SILVER AN-
NIVERSARY OF THE 1997 PUERTO
RICAN DAY PARADE OF
PATERSON

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 1997

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the momentous occasion of the 1997 Puerto Rican Day Parade of Paterson's 25th Silver Anniversary. The parade will take place on Sunday, August 24, 1997 in Paterson, NJ.

The Puerto Rican Day Parade of Paterson was established and incorporated in 1972. The goal of the parade was to revitalize and

maintain the rich cultural diversity that portrays a spiritual, family-oriented people.

For more than 25 years, thousands of Puerto Ricans and other Hispanic groups traditionally spend a weekend to reflect upon the beauty of traditional songs and dances, to be sensitized by colors and fashions, and to partake of traditional food and drink. The parade and its week-long activities have historically fulfilled its intended purpose of allowing for the next generation to observe contributions made by the Puerto Rican-American community to improve the city of Paterson and make it a better place to live, work, and educate the next generation.

On Sunday, August 24, 1997, the parade will celebrate its 25th anniversary and over 100,000 people from all corners of the metropolitan area will share in the festivities.

The 3.5 mile-long parade will commence in the heart of the city of Paterson and proceed through the historic downtown shopping district. The celebration, as always, promises to be energetic, uplifting, and quite spectacular.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, the Puerto Rican-American community, and the State of New Jersey in recognizing the Puerto Rican Day Parade of Paterson's 25th Silver Anniversary and commending both its organizers and participants who constantly enrich the cultural flavor of our diverse community.

COMMEMORATIVE STAMP FOR
AVA GARDNER

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 1997

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, today I introduce a resolution to provide a commemorative stamp for Ava Gardner, one of America's most accomplished actresses and native of the town of Smithfield in the Second Congressional District of North Carolina. I would like to submit the text of this resolution for the RECORD, and I strongly urge my colleagues to sign on as cosponsors of this resolution:

Whereas Ava Lavinia Gardner is one of America's most accomplished actresses this century;

Whereas her work was world renowned, taking her around the country and globe, residing in New York, California, Spain, and England, spreading the goodwill of the American people and setting the mark in film, radio, and television for aspiring actresses and actors to follow;

Whereas, her movie career was recognized by her peers and industry, receiving the Golden Globe Best Actress in a Drama nomination for "Night of the Iguana" (1964), the Academy of Motion Pictures Merit for Outstanding Achievement Best Actress nomination for "Mogambo" (1953), and the Look Film Achievement Award for her performance in "The Hucksters" (1947);

Whereas, her work personified and led the true golden age of Hollywood, when stories were of the heart and when values dictated one's performance such as her role as Sarah in "The Bible . . . in the Beginning," recognized as the best picture of the month for the whole family with the Box Office Blue-Ribbon Award (1966);

Whereas, her patriotism was unparalleled, recognized by the United States Armed Forces for her spirit of public service, and distinguished performance as guest star of the Armed Forces radio network's production of "Victorious Lady";

Whereas, Time Magazine, one of the world's most widely read publications, recognized her achievements in 1951, dedicating its front cover to Ava Gardner, and becoming the first female from her home State of North Carolina ever to grace its cover;

Whereas, though she rose to great heights from humble beginnings, living the American Dream through hard work and perseverance, she never forgot the needs of people as she worked tirelessly for cancer research funding, nor the people of Johnston County, North Carolina, where she was born the youngest of five daughters and two sons of Jonas and Mary Elizabeth Gardner, later attending high school in the Rock Ridge Community and on to the then Atlantic Christian College (Barton College) in Wilson, North Carolina;

Whereas, citizens from every State in the United States and across the world revere her work, visiting the Ava Gardner Museum in Smithfield, North Carolina, and her numerous related worldwide web Internet sights, as well as on television, enjoying her work in episodes of the hit television series "Knots Landing" and her life story through biographical television movies;

Whereas, her work carries on, despite her passing from this earth January 25, 1990;

Whereas, Ava Lavinia Gardner is one of America's most accomplished actresses this century, leading the Hollywood golden age, spreading the goodwill and patriotism of the American people around the globe, and setting the mark in film, radio, and television of aspiring actresses and actors to follow;

Whereas, the "Ava Gardner 2000 Stamp Committee," spearheaded by the Ava Gardner Museum and the work of its indefatigable volunteers in Smithfield, North Carolina, to celebrate her life has targeted the decade anniversary of her passing of January 25, 2000, for the publication of a commemorative stamp by the United States Postal Service: Therefore, be it

Resolved, that it is the sense of the House of Representatives that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued by the United States Postal Service in honor of Ava Gardner; and that the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee of the United States Postal Service should recommend to the Postmaster General that such a postage stamp be issued.

WORK UNFINISHED

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 1997

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Member highly commends to his colleagues this editorial which appeared in the Norfolk Daily News on August 18, 1997.

WORK UNFINISHED—MORE TO BE DONE REGARDING BUDGETS; VOTERS THEMSELVES MUST DO REMINDING

For his part, President Clinton saw the five-year budget legislation as a measure that would "renew our nation and restore its