

McGOVERN) for his statement. One of the things that he pointed out, Madam Speaker, is that Mr. Brown is also a veteran. I think so often our veterans play such significant roles while they are in the military and when they leave. And here is another example of a veteran when he left the military to go on and do some very, very significant things to help people.

The gentleman also talked about Mr. Brown being the starter, the person who started the race, and that is very significant when we think about what is happening today. He went on to talk about how this Post Office is much larger so it could serve so many more people as the town has grown.

The fact is that our honoree, Mr. Brown, was one who was there way back when, and now he has seen not only the race grow but he has seen this wonderful town grow. And so it is with great honor and privilege that I take a moment today to, number one, thank Mr. Brown for all that he has done. I also want to thank the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. McGOVERN) for being so sensitive to all of those people who are supporting this wonderful and very important legislation. I again thank the gentleman from New York (Mr. McHUGH), the chairman of the Subcommittee on the Postal Service; and I thank the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH), the ranking member of that subcommittee; and of course the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) and the gentleman from California (Mr. WAXMAN), the chairman and ranking member respectively.

Madam speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. McHUGH. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of the remaining time.

Madam Speaker, let me associate myself with particularly the last comments by the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS). Veterans of virtually any war are a very special class of people to whom those of us who enjoy the fruits of this wonderful democracy really owe more than we can ever repay. And I, too, want to thank the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. McGOVERN) for providing this opportunity to recognize, not only as I said earlier a 3-decade employee of the United States Postal Service, but like so many of his contemporaries, an individual whose record of service extends even beyond that of his service during World War II.

Heroes come in many different forms and walk in many different ways in this life. To the community of Hopkinton, to the Greater Boston area, and to all of those across this country who believe, as I do, that the Boston Marathon is such a special event, without question, this gentleman, Mr. Brown, is a hero. We are very, very lucky today to have this opportunity.

Madam Speaker, I too want to express my appreciation to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS) for being here today and for managing

this bill, for the continued support of the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH) as the ranking member, along with, of course, the gentleman from California (Mr. WAXMAN) as the ranking member of the full committee and the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON), chairman of the full committee, and his staff and the staff of the Subcommittee on the Postal Service for their untiring work in processing these in the way in which they should be processed: in a bipartisan cooperative manner.

Madam Speaker, I close with a final urging to all of our colleagues to support this fine bill, H.R. 2307.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. McHUGH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2307.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. McHUGH. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 2307, the bill just passed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

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EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OVER PAYNE STEWART'S DEATH

Mr. Miller of Florida. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 344) recognizing and honoring Payne Stewart and expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives to his family on his death and to the families of those who died with him.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 344

Whereas William Payne Stewart was born in Springfield, Missouri, on January 30, 1957;

Whereas Payne Stewart was the son of William Stewart and Bee Payne-Stewart and brother of Susan and Lora;

Whereas Payne Stewart grew up in a loving family in Springfield, Missouri, and was instilled with the strong family values of hard work, academic achievement, and good sportsmanship;

Whereas although Payne Stewart was a good athlete in football and basketball, under the mentoring of his father, he took up the game of golf, practicing and playing at Hickory Hills Country Club and growing to love the game and its history;

Whereas Payne Stewart grew proficient in the game of golf during his years at Greenwood High School and at Southern Methodist University in Texas where he earned the status of "All-American";

Whereas Payne Stewart attained two milestones in 1981, marrying Marries Theresa "Tracey" Ferguson and qualifying for his Professional Golfer's Card;

Whereas Payne Stewart donned what became his trademark knickers, long socks and cap and won his first professional golf tournament in 1982 at the Quad Cities Open in Illinois—the only professional golf tournament victory his father ever saw him win;

Whereas Payne Stewart won 11 professional golf tournaments, including the United States Open in 1991 and 1999 and the Professional Golfers' Association Championship in 1989, and was a member of the United States Ryder Cup Team 5 times, including the team that staged the greatest comeback victory in the history of the event in 1999;

Whereas in 1994, Payne Stewart was among the first athletes inducted in the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame;

Whereas Payne Stewart was never selfish with his successes, sharing generously with many charitable organizations, including giving his entire Bay Hill Classic winner's purse of \$108,000 to the Florida Hospital Golden Circle of Friends in memory of his father;

Whereas just last year Payne Stewart and his wife donated \$500,000 to the First Foundation, the fund raising arm of the First Baptist Church of Orlando, to be used for the expansion of a Christian school;

Whereas Payne Stewart always found time to be a golf teacher and mentor to children who were learning the game, returning to Springfield in late July 1999 to conduct one of many children's clinics for would-be future golf competitors;

Whereas Payne Stewart served as a role model for his Christian faith and his sport in countless public and private ways;

Whereas Payne Stewart was a loving husband to his wife Tracey, daughter Chelsea, and son Aaron;

Whereas Payne Stewart was viewed by his friends and former classmates as a fun-loving, warm, and smiling man with a joy for life, his family and his sport;

Whereas Payne Stewart transcended the game of golf as a timeless symbol of athletic talent, spirited competition, and a role model for people of all ages; and

Whereas Payne Stewart died in a tragic plane crash on October 25, 1999, along with Van Arden, Stephanie Bellegarrigue, Bruce Borland, Robert Fraley, and Michael Kling: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(I) recognizes and honors Payne Stewart—

(A) as one of the greatest golfers;

(B) for his many contributions to the Nation throughout his lifetime; and

(C) for transcending the game of golf and becoming a timeless symbol of athletic talent, spirited competition, and a role model as a Christian gentleman and a loving father and husband; and

(2) extends its deepest condolences to the families of Payne Stewart and the other victims in the plane crash, Van Arden, Stephanie Bellegarrigue, Bruce Borland, Robert Fraley, and Michael Kling, on their tragic loss.

SEC. 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the family of each of the victims.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MILLER) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MILLER).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H. Res. 344.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of House Resolution 344. I would like to thank the distinguished gentleman from Springfield, Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) for providing this House the opportunity to express our condolences to the family of Payne Stewart while enabling us to celebrate his life and accomplishments.

I would also like to thank the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON), chairman of the Committee on Government Reform, who recognized the timeliness of this measure and expedited this opportunity for consideration before the House today.

This resolution has many cosponsors who welcome the opportunity to provide Payne Stewart this fitting moment of honor. Our celebration of his life is a quiet reflection of the patriotism that he displayed so proudly throughout his professional career.

During that career, Payne Stewart won 11 professional championships, three of them majors. Twice he won the United States Open. He walked the fairways wearing his trademark knickers and tam o'shanter, commonly blending a combination of colors symbolizing the nearest available National Football League team.

His many accomplishments on the golf course were the building blocks that qualified him to represent this country in international competition. His smooth swing, and controlled, steady play were vital to the United States team's dramatic come-from-behind victory in this year's Ryder Cup competition. He took great pride in wearing the red, white, and blue.

His widow and two children knew his full devotion. He took pride in his role as a husband and father, and he provided a model of spirited dedication throughout his life. We welcome this opportunity to recognize his life, and to join the many golf fans throughout the country in extending our condolences to his widow, his children, and his friends.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CUMMINGS. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, Payne Stewart, who was an 11-time winner of the PGA Tour and stood eighth in the world golf rankings, died on his way to do what he loved best, died on his way to look at a field with regard to golf.

Payne Stewart was on his way to Houston for practice rounds in advance

of the Tour Championship when his plane crashed in South Dakota. Mr. Stewart died with five others, two pilots of the plane Michael King, 43, Stephanie Bellegarrigue, 27, his agents Robert Fraley and Van Arden and Bruce Borlan, a golf course designer. As expressed by this resolution, our condolences go out to all of the families affected by this terrible crash.

Mr. Stewart, winner of the United States Open at Pinehurst, North Carolina, also played on the Ryder Cup team that won an inspiring comeback victory over Europe in September. He won the Professional Golfer's Association championship in 1989, and in 1991 captured his first U.S. Open title at Hazeltine in Minnesota, after an 18-hole playoff.

Tim Finchem, the PGA Tour Commissioner, is quoted as saying that, "Payne represented the best of golf. He was a man of great faith, a devoted, compassionate, and most energetic husband and father, and a man of tremendous generosity." Tiger Woods, upon hearing the news of Stewart's death, commented, "It is shocking; it's a tragedy. There is an enormous void and emptiness I feel right now."

That void and emptiness was felt by the 3,000 people attending Stewart's memorial service, over 100 of which were PGA Tour players and officials. At the memorial service, Paul Azinger, a close friend of Stewart's pulled a tam-o'-shanter cap over his head and rolled up his trousers to knickers length, revealing a vibrant pair of argyle socks, a poignant tribute to the distinctive sports clothing Stewart was known for wearing.

At the start of the PGA Tour Championship that Mr. Stewart was scheduled to play in, a bagpipe played the Scottish lament "Going Home". Payne Stewart once said, "I'm going to a special place when I die. But I want to be sure my life is special while I'm here."

Payne Stewart is home now, and his life here on Earth was, indeed, special.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. RYUN), one Olympian in our United States Congress, an Olympic runner.

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Madam Speaker, Payne Stewart's tragic death shocked the United States and the world just 2 short weeks ago. Today, the House honors him in a fitting tribute to his life.

One does not have to be a golfer to know who Payne Stewart was. While his talent and distinctive style made him stand out on the course, his love of family and love of God, involvement in his community made him stand out as a wonderful human being.

Payne Stewart's accomplishments speak for themselves. He was a member of five Ryder Cup teams, including September's winning team. He won 11 professional tournaments in the United States, including three major golf

championships. He was having his best year on the tour; and in the last golf ranking, he was ranked eighth in the world.

Just a few years ago, some golf experts began to write him off, that he was not going to be able to make it. They speculated his career was all but over after a number of years in the PGA without a lot of success. However, after winning this year's U.S. Open, which capped a 4-year return to the top of the golfing world, Payne gave insight into the real reason behind his turnaround. He spoke of a renewed faith in God that had given him inner peace and had led to a stronger family life.

Payne Stewart also gave generously of his time and money to charity causes. He was actively involved in the First Baptist Church in Orlando, Florida. The Reverend Jim Henry, who was one of his pastors, said this of Payne, "He was a wonderful Christian who had Christ in his life and somehow in his death."

He was also a good neighbor. One of his neighbors summed it up by saying, "Payne was an unbelievable person." Recent news reports said that he was even well-known among his neighborhood for fixing pancakes after his children's sleep-overs. Parents and fathers should be proud of that, and Payne was certainly a good example.

In the world of sports today, Payne Stewart was every bit of a role model. May God grant us many more Payne Stewarts. By honoring him today, we express our thanks for his example, and we offer our prayers and condolences to his family for their loss.

Mr. CUMMINGS. Madam Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from American Samoa (Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA).

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from Maryland for extending me this time to say a few words in support of this great American.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of this legislation which honors professional golfer Payne Stewart and expresses the heartfelt condolences of our Nation to Payne Stewart's family upon his tragic death. I want to commend the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT), my good friend, for introducing this most worthy measure.

Like many around the world, I was shocked and saddened by the events of October 25, 2 weeks ago, when the Lear Jet carrying Payne Stewart became disabled and crashed. The accident reminds us of how fleeting and uncertain life can be, no matter what our status is.

Madam Speaker, although Payne Stewart has left this earthly existence, his legacy and what his life stood for will continue to live on in our memory and in the annals of sports and history.

As a hacker who loves the game of golf, and all my colleagues on this side of the aisle who also love the sport,

Madam Speaker, I fully appreciate and understand how difficult, demanding, and frustrating the sport of golf can be, especially at the rarefied levels of professional golf. Therefore, I deeply respect the tremendous achievements of Payne Stewart in winning 11 PGA tournaments in his shortened career, which include three major championships, the PGA in 1989, the U.S. Open in 1991, and the U.S. Open this year.

Winning even one major championship is considered the pinnacle of excellence and the defining moment in a professional golfer's career. It is not surprising that an athlete of Payne Stewart's brilliance earned this honor several times.

While Payne Stewart's shot-making and colorful knickers attire attracted a lot of attention, what most impressed me about Payne Stewart was the class and sportsmanship that he showed while competing. After his heart-breaking loss in the 1998 U.S. Open in the closing moments due to a bad break, a divot lie after a perfect drive in the fairway, many will remember that Mr. Stewart held his head high and refused to make excuses in response to those that accused him of choking. This year, he answered those critics by sinking the longest putt ever to win the U.S. Open.

Madam Speaker, for the past several years, I had hoped, it was like a dream to me, that perhaps someday I might have the honor and privilege of playing a round with golfer Payne Stewart. He would wear his stylistic knickers for which he is so famous for, and I would wear my Samoan lavalava, an attire that looks somewhat like a skirt, but I call it the Samoan version of the Scottish kilts that Scotsmen wear when playing golf at St. Andrews. Since the game of golf originated, it is my understanding, in Scotland, I am surprised that the great golfer Colin Montgomery does not wear his kilt when he plays golf. I suspect that Mr. Stewart would have done the same if he had lived a little longer.

In September at the Ryder Cup matches, after the competition had already been decided, Payne Stewart showed class and character again by conceding a winning putt to his opponent, Colin Montgomery, who he felt had endured vicious heckling and taunting all day from overzealous American fans. While the conceded shot ensured Payne's loss in the singles match, it was a heartfelt gesture of class by a true gentleman and a true American. The act of sportsmanship symbolized what Payne Stewart was all about, and endeared him to millions around the world.

Madam Speaker, I urge our colleagues to join us in this measure honoring Payne Stewart, a great and generous man, a man of intense religious faith, a man of deep family commitment, a champion and fierce competitor, and a loyal and patriotic son of America.

We send our condolences, deepest condolences to the family of Payne

Stewart and to the families of all those who perished with them.

Mr. CUMMINGS. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, the gentleman from American Samoa (Mr. FALEOMAVAEAGA) and the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. RYUN) spoke about Payne Stewart's religious faith. It is interesting to note that, after the 1998 U.S. Open, when Mr. Stewart failed to come in first, many did, in fact, accuse him of choking. But the fact is he did not choke. He just did not win.

It is interesting that, after the 1999 U.S. Open, when he did come in first, he said something that I think should become a part of the DNA of every one of us. He said, "I have got to give thanks to the Lord for giving me the ability to believe in myself. Without that peace I have in my heart, I would not be sitting here today." Those are very profound words because those are words of a true champion.

So often champions lose and have to dust themselves off, get back up, and come out the next day. What Mr. Stewart was saying is that, although I may not have come in first in 1998, I just thank God for giving me the peace to continue to believe in myself so that I can come in first in 1999.

I think that is a lesson that he leaves with all of us, for our children, and for our children's children, and for everybody who plays this wonderful sport called golf, or any other sport for that matter, that we must hope and pray that we have the peace, the simple peace, and the belief in ourselves to always come back the next day and be victorious, and even if we are not, just the idea of knowing that we still have that peace.

With that, it is a great honor that I urge all of my colleagues to support this legislation.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

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Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

It is a special honor for me to be here today to present this resolution. As a Floridian, Payne Stewart lived in the Orlando area. Of course, my home is over in the Bradenton area, 100 miles away. The gentleman from Florida (Mr. McCOLLUM) represents Payne Stewart's district and was, unfortunately, unable to be here today because of flight schedules, but did present something on the floor of the House shortly after his death.

The gentleman from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) also wanted to be here today but, unfortunately as well, due to flight schedules, was not able to be here. He represents Springfield, Missouri, which is the original hometown of Payne Stewart, and his death was especially felt in that community.

My colleague from Maryland talked about Paul Azinger, who is one of my

constituents back in Bradenton, Florida, and just the photograph and the description of that when he gave the eulogy just conveyed the personality, the warmth, the love that his colleagues and all felt for this person.

House Resolution 344 provides a fitting commemoration of this exuberant and accomplished professional and patriot. Today, he ranks as the third leading money winner in golf history, but he is at the top of the list in terms of the character and dedication that he brought to his wonderful life.

I am proud to bring this legislation to the floor, and I ask for the full support of all Members on this resolution.

Mr. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember one of America's true professionals and most notable golfers, Payne Stewart. On October 25, 1999, America lost a great sportsman and Central Florida lost one of its most beloved citizens. However, the memory and legacy of Payne Stewart continue to live through the contributions he made not only in the sports world, but also in the Orlando community where he lived.

He was a great golfer for many reasons—20 years in the professionals, 3 majors wins, 8 PGA tours, and 7 victories worldwide. None of us can forget that famous 15-foot birdie putt in the U.S. Open this year which gave him the great victory only a few months ago at Pinehurst—a victory that came as a result of the longest putt in the history of the U.S. Open.

But Payne Stewart was much more than a great golfer. He was a humanitarian, who held great convictions. In 1983, Payne and his family made their home in Orlando in my congressional district. I can tell my colleagues that the people of Central Florida benefited greatly from Payne's generosity and his warmth and compassion for other people.

Payne Stewart was more than just a role model to the many aspiring young athletes in our state and across the nation. He was someone who used the profile he earned on the golf course to make our community a better place. Just last month, Payne and his wife, Tracey, gave \$500,000 to the First Baptist Church of Orlando to be used in part for expansion of the Christian school on the church grounds.

Perhaps his most well-known charitable contribution came back in 1987 when he donated \$108,000, his winnings from the Bay Hill Classic tournament, to the Florida Hospital. Those funds went to the Florida Hospital Circle of Care home in Altamonte Springs for the out-of-town parents of cancer patients. He was someone who truly recognized the joy of giving and making a difference in the lives of children.

Payne was also a devoted family man, who was proud that his faith in God provided him with strength and peace. Though his love for the game of golf ran deep, his love for his family ran deeper still. He was a dedicated father and husband. On more than one occasion, Payne commented publicly that he most enjoyed being at home, being a father, making breakfast, and taking his kids to school.

I know that many Floridians will miss him deeply. Many in Central Florida will miss him, not only because of his golf career and because of his wit, but because of his charitable contributions. But a lot will miss him personally.

But I think the people who are obviously going to miss him most will be his wife, Tracy, and his two wonderful children, Chelsea and Aaron. Our hearts go out to them, to Payne's family. He was a great man, a great golfer. His life ended in tragedy, but he gave so much to so many.

Although we continue to mourn the loss of Payne Stewart and his contributions to the world of sports, his community and to his family, we are blessed to have been influenced by his enthusiasm and love for life, which none of us will soon forget. Payne Stewart is husband, father, golfer and friend who will be long remembered and long cherished.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, Payne Stewart transcended the game of golf and will always be a timeless symbol of athletic talent, spirited competition, and a role model as a Christian gentleman.

That's why I'm proud to join my colleague from Missouri, Congressman BLUNT, in sponsoring H. Res. 344, a resolution recognizing and honoring Payne Stewart, and expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives to his family, and the families of the other victims who perished in the October 25th plane crash.

At the age of 42, and while experiencing the best year as a professional golfer in his life, U.S. Open Champion Payne Stewart, a devoted father and husband, tragically was killed in a plane crash along with Van Arden, Stephanie Bellegarrigue, Bruce Borland, Robert Fraley, and Michael Kling.

Payne Stewart, attired in plus-fours and a tam o'shanter hat was one of the most indomitable personalities in the game of golf.

He made history when he won his second U.S. Open sinking the longest putt ever to win the U.S. Open in the tournament's 105-year history.

As a member of the U.S. Ryder Cup team, he displayed his patriotism and pride for his country, and his sportsmanship in helping lead the U.S. team to victory.

Payne Stewart was more than just a role model to many aspiring athletes in the United States.

He truly recognized the joy of giving and making a difference in the lives of children.

He donated his winner's check from the 1987 Bay Hill Invitational to the Florida Hospital Circle of Friends to aid the families of cancer patients.

Just last year, Payne Stewart and his wife donated \$500,000 to the first Foundation, the fundraising arm of the First Baptist Church of Orlando, to be used for the expansion of a Christian school.

In the most recent years of his life, Payne Stewart devoted his life to his family and his faith in God.

Payne Stewart's love for America was a great credit to the game of golf and to our country.

I urge my colleagues to join me in extending the House of Representatives' deepest condolences to Payne Stewart's family, and to the families of Robert Fraley, Van Arden, Michael Kling, Stephanie Bellegarrigue, and Bruce Borland.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GIBBONS). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida

(Mr. MILLER of Florida) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, House Resolution 344.

The question was taken.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF HOUSE THAT JOSEPH JEFFERSON "SHOELESS JOE" JACKSON BE APPROPRIATELY HONORED FOR OUTSTANDING BASEBALL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 269) expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Joseph Jefferson "Shoeless Joe" Jackson should be appropriately honored for his outstanding baseball accomplishments.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 269

Whereas Joseph Jefferson "Shoeless Joe" Jackson, a native of Greenville, South Carolina, and a local legend, began his professional career and received his nickname while playing baseball for the Greenville Spinners in 1908;

Whereas "Shoeless Joe" Jackson moved to the Philadelphia Athletics for his major league debut in 1908, to Cleveland in 1910, and to the Chicago White Sox in 1915;

Whereas "Shoeless Joe" Jackson's accomplishments throughout his 13-year career in professional baseball were outstanding—he was one of only seven Major League Baseball players to ever top the coveted mark of a .400 batting average for a season, and he earned a lifetime batting average of .356, the third highest of all time;

Whereas "Shoeless Joe" Jackson's career record makes him one of our Nation's top baseball players of all time;

Whereas in 1919, the infamous "Black Sox" scandal erupted when an employee of a New York gambler allegedly bribed eight players of the Chicago White Sox, including Joseph Jefferson "Shoeless Joe" Jackson, to throw the first and second games of the 1919 World Series to the Cincinnati Reds;

Whereas in September 1920, a criminal court acquitted "Shoeless Joe" Jackson of the charge that he conspired to throw the 1919 World Series;

Whereas despite the acquittal, Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis, baseball's first commissioner, banned "Shoeless Joe" Jackson from playing Major League Baseball for life without conducting any investigation of Jackson's alleged activities, issuing a summary punishment that fell far short of due process standards;

Whereas the evidence shows that Jackson did not deliberately misplay during the 1919 World Series in an attempt to make his team lose the World Series;

Whereas during the 1919 World Series, Jackson's play was outstanding—his batting average was .375 (the highest of any player from either team), he set a World Series record with 12 hits, he committed no errors, and he hit the only home run of the series;

Whereas because of his lifetime ban from Major League Baseball, "Shoeless Joe" Jackson has been excluded from consider-

ation for admission to the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame;

Whereas "Shoeless Joe" Jackson died in 1951, and 80 years have elapsed since the 1919 World Series scandal erupted;

Whereas recently, Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig took an important first step toward restoring the reputation of "Shoeless Joe" Jackson by agreeing to investigate whether he was involved in a conspiracy to alter the outcome of the 1919 World Series and whether he should be eligible for inclusion in the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame; and

Whereas it is appropriate for Major League Baseball to remove the taint upon the memory of "Shoeless Joe" Jackson and honor his outstanding baseball accomplishments: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that Joseph Jefferson "Shoeless Joe" Jackson should be appropriately honored for his outstanding baseball accomplishments.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. TERRY) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS) will each control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. TERRY).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on this legislation, House Resolution 269.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Nebraska?

There was no objection.

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of House Resolution 269. I would like to thank my distinguished colleagues from South Carolina, the delegation, for their interest in American baseball history and their sense of justice in attempting to restore Shoeless Joe Jackson's place that his performance on the field earned him.

I would also like to thank the chairman of the Committee on Government Reform, who recognized the timeliness of this measure and expedited this opportunity for consideration before the House today.

The resolution is presented 80 years after the World Series in which the Chicago White Sox lost to the Cincinnati Redlegs. During that series, Joe Jackson had the highest batting average on either team, set a World Series record by collecting 12 hits, including the only home run on either team, and was not charged with a single error on the field.

Shoeless Joe Jackson remains an American icon, a perennial symbol of a young man who unknowingly became involved in the intrigues that surrounded his activities. On the field, Shoeless Joe Jackson's records speak for themselves. Only Ty Cobb and Rogers Hornsby's surpassed his 356 lifetime batting average. His 13-year career with the Philadelphia Athletics and the Chicago White Sox provided a background of consistent accomplishments.