

chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means in opposition to the joint resolution and a Member in support of the joint resolution; that pursuant to sections 152 and 153 of the Trade Act of 1974, the previous question be considered as ordered on the joint resolution to final passage without intervening motion; and that the provisions of section 152 and 153 of the Trade Act of 1974 shall not otherwise apply to any joint resolution disapproving the extension of the waiver authority contained in section 402(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to Vietnam for the remainder of the first session of the 106th Congress.

It is the intention of this unanimous consent request that the 1 hour of debate be yielded fairly between members of the majority and minority parties on both sides of this issue.

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

There was no objection.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 1999

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday next for morning hour debates.

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

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

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

There was no objection.

HONORING LANCE ARMSTRONG, AMERICA'S PREMIER CYCLIST

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 264) expressing the sense of the House of Representatives honoring Lance Armstrong, America's premier cyclist, and his winning performance in the 1999 Tour de France, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Mr. DOGGETT. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker, under my reservation, and I do not intend to object since this is a resolution that I have

authored, I do want, in working with the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SESSIONS), to have a brief discussion of this resolution.

Some 21 Members, Democrats and Republicans, some of whom are here on the floor this afternoon have joined in this resolution in a bipartisan acknowledgment of the great success of Lance Armstrong in France this past week. I particularly want to acknowledge and will recognize momentarily the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. CAPPS) and an avid cyclist on her staff, Blake Selzer, who had been particularly interested in this subject.

Mr. Speaker, last Sunday, as Lance Armstrong, my fellow Texan and fellow Austinite, rode to the Arc de Triomphe in Paris, I was overcome not just with the importance of that moment, but with the importance of all that Lance has accomplished in getting to this point. I was also struck with the meaning that this victory would have for thousands of people around the world.

After an early budding career this young Austinite was stricken with life threatening advanced testicular cancer that actually metastasized and affected his lungs and brains. While his own recuperation was still incomplete, he began to worry not only about his own condition with this disease but with the impact that this disease was having on so many other people around the world. The drive and determination that the world got to see this past 23 days of the race in France was very evident to Austinites long before he ever rode up the streets of Paris, France.

But to get to Paris, Lance had to cover some 2300 miles circumnavigating France on a bicycle in some 23 days. That is more than a hundred miles a day in all types of terrain, even in the French Alps and against 200 of the best cyclists in the world. Unfortunately, the French terrain never lets one coast and the saying that it is all downhill from here was something that never seemed to apply.

As he rode into Paris wearing that coveted Yellow Jersey, the cheers from the good French people let the world know that indeed there was a new American in Paris.

This drive to be the best that you can be and to make the things better for others manifested itself in his own physical healing long before this race in the founding of the Lance Armstrong Foundation, a project of which my office provided some assistance. Lance undertook the foundation in December of 1996 just 3 months after his diagnosis.

The foundation has as its mission, and I see a colleague from Ohio who has worked in this area as well, awareness, education, and research on cancer. It sponsors the annual Ride for the Roses where people come from all over the United States to bicycle in our Texas hill country each spring and, in the process, raise money for the foundation. It is a fun event that raises

thousands of dollars, and that foundation also sponsors the Lance Armstrong Oncology Conference that gathers physicians from around the world to discuss and learn about advancements and treatments of cancer.

Just last year, the Tour de France had fallen under the specter of performance-enhancing drugs. This once very prestigious bicycle race has lost glamor and credibility; but thanks to Lance, the credibility of the race has been restored. And in Texas we are suggesting to cycling friends in France that they respectfully consider re-naming this the "Tour de Lance."

His recovery and victory in the tour has surprised the world, but it has not surprised us in Austin where we watched Lance as he promised to defeat cancer, where we watched him create this Lance Armstrong Foundation, and where we finally watched him wear this coveted Yellow Jersey.

I stand here today very proud to sponsor this resolution though I have been a recreational bicyclist who has had a little difficulty staying on my own bicycle at times. As an Austinite, as a Texan, as an American, we are very proud of his accomplishments. It was very exciting to see it this past week and to know that he was also not only representing Texas but there as a member of the United States Postal Service team and that this was a team effort of all of the members of the postal service and of the team that they sponsored.

So Lance pulled off the unexpected in Paris, and now we have good bipartisan support for this resolution honoring him.

We are not given many second chances in life, but Lance was given a second chance, and just look what he did with it. As he said himself, if you ever get a second chance in life, you have got to go all the way. The personal path that he has led certainly demonstrates that. We know here in the House that heroes are not just the giant statues against a red sky, they are the people that say: This is my community, my world, and it is my responsibility to make it better, and I know that my colleagues share in expressing our pride and gratitude to this young man from Texas, Lance Armstrong.

Mr. Speaker, further reserving the right to object, I yield to the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. CAPPS) who has been an inspiration on this legislation.

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I thank our Texas colleagues, and, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join all our colleagues in the House in honoring Lance Armstrong for his incredible victory in this year's Tour de France. Like millions of other Americans and fans around the globe, I followed Lance's journey to Paris with great enthusiasm. Lance Armstrong is only the second American to win the prestigious Tour de France since its inception in 1903. This is a race covering over 2,000

miles of French countryside over a 3-week period. He is the first American to win the Tour on an American team, the United States Postal Service team, and as we have heard, this win is a tribute to another victory as well for Lance and for us all, a victory over cancer.

Lance did not do this alone. It was the incredible hard work of his teammates that insured Lance would arrive in Paris wearing the Yellow Jersey, and it is going to take the same teamwork to find a cure for the devastating disease we call cancer. We in Congress must do all we can to help in this effort for just as Lance's victory on his bike took teamwork, the fight against cancer will take the same hard effort.

Lance Armstrong's comeback from cancer is from truly a remarkable story. Less than 3 years ago, he was diagnosed with testicular cancer and given less than a 50 percent chance of survival much less ever riding a bicycle again. Yet he came back to make what is one of the most incredible comebacks in the history of sport. The grueling Tour de France is one of the most physically demanding endurance sporting events in the world. Lance's sheer determination and athletic ability was inspiring to watch. He is a role model for cancer patients and survivors around the world.

Lance also matches his athleticism with altruism. Just 2 months after he was diagnosed with cancer, he formed the Lance Armstrong Foundation, a nonprofit organization devoted to fighting cancer through awareness, education, and research. In the truest sense of the word, Lance Armstrong is a hero. And in the words of Lance himself on his accomplishment, this is what he said:

I hope this sends a fantastic message to all the cancer patients around the world. We can return to what we were before and even better.

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman, and while reserving my reservation of objection, I yield to the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. OBERSTAR), the ranking member on the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure who played such a significant role in the interests of bicycling and cyclists in the new transportation legislation.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I want to compliment the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DOGGETT) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SESSIONS) for bringing up this resolution this afternoon, and I thank the gentleman for yielding this time.

The Tour de France, Mr. Speaker, is the oldest, most important and most challenging bicycling race in the world. The 2,300 miles covered by the cyclists in only 3 weeks, from the time trials in the flatlands to the sprints on rolling terrain, the exhausting climbs in the Alps and the Pyrenees encompass the most demanding skills of both individual and team effort. The Tour, in my judgment, is the greatest test of

fitness and endurance in all of athletics. This year, for only the second time in its 86-year history, the Tour was won by an American, Lance Armstrong. The only other American winner was three time Yellow Jersey holder, the now legendary Greg Lemond.

Lance Armstrong's victory is especially remarkable for several reasons. At 26 miles per hour, it was the highest average speed in tour history.

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It was the first tour won by a predominantly American team. Greg Lemond won with largely European teams. And it was the first time a cancer survivor won the tour.

Two years ago, Lance Armstrong was clinging to a 20 percent hope of survival from a virulent attack of testicular cancer that had spread to his lungs and brain tissue. He conquered surgery, chemotherapy, the blistering heat of central France, the cold and rain of the mountain stages, and attacks from the world's best professional cyclists, to stand atop the winner's podium on the Champs-Élysées in Paris and don the winner's Yellow Jersey, the most coveted prize in all of competitive cycling.

In just 3 weeks, Lance Armstrong restored integrity and excitement to European cycling following last year's doping scandals; and he restored new hope and inspiration to cancer victims everywhere.

As an avid cyclist myself, who takes a year to pedal the 2,300 miles Lance Armstrong did in 3 weeks, I salute Lance Armstrong as a true American hero, a role model for American youth, and a future cycling legend.

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. PRYCE), who has been such a leader in the efforts here to deal with the issue of cancer.

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

I am very pleased to join with my colleague from Texas in support of this resolution and congratulating Lance Armstrong, America's premier cyclist, in his recent victory.

During this year's tour, Lance won the four most important stages of the race, the 3-time trials and the first mountain stage, and he staked his place alongside some of the greatest winners of the past.

Regarded as one of the world's most demanding sporting events, the 23-day long, 2,306 mile race has challenged some of the world's fittest athletes since 1906. However, this year's victory by Lance Armstrong marks one of the greatest comebacks in the history of sports.

It was just a little over 2 years ago when Lance was diagnosed with testicular cancer, a form of cancer which strikes 7,400 men in the United States each year. And while it represents just 1 percent of all male cancers for men in their 20s and 30s, it is the leading form of cancer. Lance was diagnosed with

testicular cancer so advanced it had spread to his lungs and his brain. He was given just a 50 percent chance of survival. His doctors' main concerns were no longer his return to racing, but simply to keep him living.

However, Lance Armstrong had a different agenda. After undergoing surgery and during sessions of chemotherapy and tolerating nauseating drugs, Lance Armstrong began to ride and train between treatments. And then finally, there was good news. His blood protein levels had returned to normal and his chest x-ray was clear. Lance Armstrong was cancer-free just 1 year after beginning his treatment.

Lance Armstrong's incredible achievement to battle back from cancer and to claim victory in the world's premier cycling race not only illustrates his strong will and determination, but it also serves to send a strong message to all cancer patients and survivors, both young and old.

As Lance Armstrong simply put it after stepping down off the podium, "We can return to what we were before and be even better."

Mr. Speaker, earlier this week, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. KASICH), my good friend and colleague, referred to Lance Armstrong as the "real McCoy," a true American hero. This resolution congratulates him on his spectacular performance and recognizes his contributions to inspire those fighting cancer, and it deserves our support.

When Lance was diagnosed with cancer, he had a choice and he chose to fight. However, he is not just fighting for himself, but for all cancer patients worldwide. By establishing the Lance Armstrong Foundation, he is raising awareness, increasing research and providing services for people with cancer. To the cycling community, his victory may seek to inspire our next generation of cyclists, just as American Greg Lemond's second win inspired him. But to cancer patients and survivors around the world, his victory means much more, and his fight and determination send such a strong message to never give up.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Lance Armstrong not just for his victory in France, but more importantly, on his victory in life. He is a true American hero, and I urge strong support for this resolution.

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Harris County, Texas (Mr. BENTSEN), to end finally on a Lone Star note, quite appropriately.

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague from Austin for yielding and also my colleague from the Dallas area as well.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor our fellow Texan, Lance Armstrong, and his remarkable comeback from testicular cancer to win the 1999 Tour de France.

Lance Armstrong has stopped at many checkpoints along the road to recovery from cancer. One of these checkpoints was at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston where he received

chemotherapy treatment as part of his miraculous recovery. As Lance has mentioned, his chemotherapy treatment at M.D. Anderson was one of the most difficult parts of his trying ordeal, because it resulted in the loss of hair, strength, weight, and all the other ills that accompany chemotherapy; yet his inner strength and personal will allowed him to defeat his cancer and regain his strength and prove to himself and the world that he could not only compete in the Tour de France, but win it.

Many in the sports world, even in the cycling team, wrote off Lance Armstrong, but Lance Armstrong never gave up hope. He showed great courage and determination, and once the cancer was removed, he slowly and steadily climbed back on his bicycle and started to train. Then he started to race. Then he started to surprise the cycling world by making a stunning comeback.

Mr. Speaker, Lance Armstrong's victory inspires all of those who have had cancer, all of those who are fighting cancer, and all of those who have had loved ones die from cancer. He has proved to the world that there is life after cancer and that cancer no longer carries an automatic death sentence.

Lance Armstrong is now helping others prevent and survive testicular cancer not only through example, but by dedicating himself and his resources to the Lance Armstrong Foundation, which helps fund research to cure cancer.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Lance Armstrong both on his victory in Paris and his victory over cancer.

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, further reserving the right to object, I yield to the gentleman from the Dallas area in Texas (Mr. SESSIONS) so that he might offer further explanation of the bill.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Austin for his indulgence in acceptance of this resolution on behalf all of the people of the United States.

As a lifelong Texan, I take great pride today to honor a brave young Texan who represents the very best of honor and dignity for Texas and America. Mr. Speaker, we take special pride today in this resolution recognizing the place that Lance Armstrong has earned among the truly inspirational athletes of this century. His tremendous achievement in winning the Tour de France of 1999 would stand as the greatest accomplishment of many athletes' lives.

This race, which occurs over a 2-week period through some of the hilliest terrain in Europe, requires exceptional fitness on the part of each and every competitor. It is a feat of endurance that is rarely matched in any field of athletic competition. Few Americans have ever won this event, and as was noted today, Lance Armstrong was only the second, and none have overcome the obstacles that Lance Armstrong did as he prepared for this monumental achievement.

Just 3 years ago, Lance Armstrong was diagnosed with testicular cancer. This disease is one of the most common forms of cancers among men between the ages of 15 and 35. When he was diagnosed, doctors gave him less than a 50 percent chance of surviving. He faced a future of surgery, followed by radiation and chemotherapy and his training for bicycle racing took a back seat to overcoming the immediate threat to his life.

Lance Armstrong has done far more than just survive. He has successfully completed his own treatment; and then, as he resumed his training for competition, he established the Lance Armstrong foundation to promote, through awareness, education and research, the fight against testicular cancer. In organizing this valuable community service, he has initiated the measures that will help many other young men receive information and to early dying knows that which is effective, early treatment.

Mr. Speaker, this resolution expresses for the entire United States of America our House's acclaim for Lance Armstrong as an athlete and dedicated contributor to his community and as an outstanding American citizen. We applaud his accomplishments and wish him continued success in every aspect of his activity.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the House agree to the adoption of H. Res. 264.

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the timely consideration of this resolution so that this body could go on record immediately in honoring Lance and all that his effort represents in a strong, bipartisan way. I thank the gentleman.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 264

Whereas Lance Armstrong was diagnosed with advanced testicular cancer in 1996 and given a less than 50 percent chance of survival by doctors;

Whereas testicular cancer is the most common form of cancer in men between 15 and 35 years old;

Whereas Lance Armstrong has established the Lance Armstrong Foundation, devoted to fighting cancer through awareness, education, and research;

Whereas Lance Armstrong has made one of the most memorable comebacks in sports history;

Whereas the Tour de France is one of the most physically demanding endurance sporting events in the world; and

Whereas Lance Armstrong has honored the Nation with his courageous performance by winning the Tour de France: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) congratulates Lance Armstrong on his spectacular performance, winning the 1999 Tour de France; and

(2) recognizes the contribution Lance Armstrong's perseverance has made to inspire

those fighting cancer and survivors of cancer around the world.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REPORT ON NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO TERRORISTS WHO THREATEN TO DISRUPT MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 106-106)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), I transmit herewith a 6-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process that was declared in Executive Order 12947 of January 23, 1995.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, July 29, 1999.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES I. DENECHAUD, JR.

(Mr. OBERSTAR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to my late father-in-law, Charles I. Denechaud, Jr., whose life ebbed away last Saturday, July 24. He was taken from his loved ones after nearly 3 years of a silent struggle against a stroke that disabled him and in the end robbed his most precious treasure, the ability to speak to his dear wife.

His remarkable life in the law and his extraordinary service to his fellow New Orleanians, his family, and the Catholic Church was summed up in a comprehensive account in the New Orleans Times Picayune of Sunday, July 25, which I submit for the RECORD. I also include in the RECORD at this point the eulogy of my wife, Jean K. Oberstar, my own remarks. I want to cite the splendid eulogy offered, though not available in printed version, by Jean's brother-in-law, Tommy Boggs, in warm and touching tribute to a man whose exemplary life will inspire all of us to so live our lives.

CHARLES I. DENECHAUD, JR.

EULOGY OF HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR, M.C.

As we left the restaurant a few years ago, I had a clever idea: "Us older guys should walk together," I said, taking his arm, "and you can help steady me, I've got a bad hip."

Charles quickly saw through the ruse: "It's hell to get old, Jim; the first thing to go are