

## ON THE WORLDCOM DISASTER

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

Mr. SHOWS. Mr. Speaker, I represent Clinton, Mississippi, the hometown of WorldCom, the latest culprit in a continuing series of corporate scandals that have victimized average Americans. The revelation that WorldCom hid almost \$4 billion in expenses from its employees and shareholders has turned upside down the lives of thousands of my constituents and many thousands more across the country.

Just think about the thousands of Mississippi families that had pride in their homegrown business and who placed their hard-earned money into this company's stock. Now they are losing everything. Corporate greed is not a Mississippi value.

Already, 17,000 employees are about to lose their jobs. Undoubtedly, many more layoffs will happen. The stock market is taking a terrible hit, and seniors whose pension funds rely on WorldCom stock will now need help. Baby boomers who are getting close to retirement and families with investments to pay for their kids' college educations will be hurt, too.

Mr. Speaker, there are thousands of people being hurt across the country because of what WorldCom has done, some of the leaders, not WorldCom personally.

I was talking to a man from Newton, Mississippi, the other day. His father, most of his portfolio contains WorldCom stock. Now he is devastated.

I call on Washington to treat this as the disaster that it is and help people through this crisis.

And I call on the barons of WorldComm, past and present, who control the ledgers, to unfurl their golden parachutes and give back to their employees and investors the grotesque salaries they earned while they cooked the corporate books.

And, Mr. Speaker, as we learn more about this financial disaster, I cannot help but imagine what would happen to millions of seniors if we were to privatize Social Security and let the stock market determine their futures.

We must stand with our families today. We must stand with the folks who work hard, pay their bills and deserve better than the greed that is taking their savings and investments.

#### EXPRESSING SENSE OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WITH REGARD TO UNITED STATES NATIONAL SOCCER TEAM AND ITS HISTORIC PERFORMANCE IN THE 2002 FIFA WORLD CUP TOURNAMENT

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 445) expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with regard to the United States National Soccer Team and its historic

performance in the 2002 FIFA World Cup tournament, 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 Oklahoma?

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, as a matter of fact, I will not object, but I ask the gentleman from Oklahoma to explain this resolution.

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. I yield to the gentleman from Oklahoma.

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I thank my good friend, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS), for yielding to me.

Mr. Speaker, the United States National Soccer Team is a perfect example of the American dream. Rising above low expectations and defeating the dire predictions of sportswriters and pundits, our soccer team shot and scored their way to the quarter finals of the 2002 World Cup.

Like so many other underdogs, the U.S. team proved that, with hard work and determination, success can be achieved and odds can be overcome.

The irony in the American victory is the fact that our team defeated Portugal and Mexico, countries where soccer is extremely popular. President Bush put it best when he congratulated our players, saying, "The country is really proud of the team. A lot of people that don't know anything about soccer, like me, are all excited and pulling for you."

The performance by the American soccer team this year has been our most successful ever since competing for the World Cup. It is the first time the United States team has made it all the way to the quarter finals since 1930.

Most great performances come under the direction of great leaders, and this is no exception. The resolution before the House today recognizes Bruce Arena, the head coach of the U.S. team, and all of the players for their dedication to excellence. Coach Arena has been successful on many levels: collegiate, professional, and now international. Before coaching the U.S. team, he led the soccer team right here in Washington, D.C., to two professional league titles. Now he has achieved worldwide notoriety with a well-deserving group of soccer players.

Mr. Speaker, sports brings out the best in so many people. The values of determination and willpower manifest themselves in the thrill of competition and good old-fashioned physical fitness. Soccer is no exception. Americans learned what it means to "strike" and to "head" while once again unifying in a patriotic display, which is immensely important to our Nation right now.

Lastly, this resolution commends the United States Soccer Federation and the United States Soccer Foundation, children playing soccer across the

country, and the soccer moms and dads who make it all possible; and I can relate to that because I am one.

It is my hope that soccer players in cities, towns, and communities all over this great land of ours will continue to witness role models winning games around the world. The 1 to 0 loss to Germany last Friday was a very close game. Coach Arena went into the day with a positive attitude, saying, "We know we represent the greatest country in all the world. We are going to give the kind of effort you and all America will be proud of," just as our lady soccer players did about 2½ years ago, back in 1999, gave an effort that we all were extremely proud of.

Mr. Speaker, America is indeed proud. The House today congratulates our team on their performance and the spectacular accomplishment of making the quarter finals. The United States National Soccer Team represents yet another good thing about America; and, for that, we as Americans are grateful.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Continuing my reservation of objection, Mr. Speaker, I agree with the gentleman from Oklahoma that the play of the U.S. Soccer Team was exemplary.

As a matter of fact, he makes the point that, traditionally, the United States has not been thought of as a world competitor in the soccer arena, but I think we have reached another level. We have crossed that hurdle. Now all of the world recognizes and understands that we have come to the point as a Nation where our athletes can compete in practically any sport and endeavor.

Such is true in the case of soccer, so I certainly would want to add my commendation to the team. I commend the gentleman from Oklahoma for his resolution and agree with him.

Continuing to reserve my right to object, I yield to the gentleman from New York (Mr. BOEHLERT).

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of today's resolution honoring the tremendous achievement of the United States Men's Soccer Team in the 2002 FIFA World Cup games. As this team of players, their coaches, and staff gathered together and set out for the games in Korea and Japan, they faced many challenges. They were flying thousands of miles to play the world's best teams in unfamiliar stadiums and to endure the harsh glare of skeptical sportswriters. It is fair to say that those skeptics have changed their minds.

In the opening match against Portugal, our American team dominated the game and walked off with a three to two win under their belt. Critics thought it was a fluke. Coach Bruce Arena and his team were about to prove them wrong.

The U.S. team went on to a draw with Korea and then a qualification for round two, despite an outcome that placed them behind Poland. No one was ignoring Team USA anymore.

June 17 the U.S. team defeated the Mexicans in an outstanding showing in a final showing of 2-0. Our neighbors to the south were headed back to North America, and the U.S. soccer team was moving onward.

I joined over 200 people here on Capitol Hill to watch the U.S. play Germany on June 21 in the early morning hours. I know I was not the only one on the edge of my seat throughout that heated match. What a game.

Soccer fans across this great country have been rewarded for their dedication to this sport. In a Nation filled with wonderful sports teams and opportunities, it was fantastic to see our citizens come together to support a national team that has sometimes been overlooked.

I have always considered myself to be one of the luckiest Members of Congress, the Hall of Fame representative, because I get to represent the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, the Boxing Hall of Fame in Canastota, the Long Distance Hall of Fame in Utica and the magnificent new Soccer Hall of Fame in Oneonta, all in the heartland of New York. The folks in Oneonta sparked my interest in soccer and got me so enthused that I helped found the Congressional Soccer Caucus.

As a representative for the Hall of Fame and the co-chair of the Caucus, I would like to encourage continued support for soccer everywhere. Youth soccer programs across the Nation offer opportunities to millions of children from all backgrounds of every ability level to come together and learn the value of teamwork and sportsmanship. We need to take full advantage of increased public awareness for soccer that this World Cup has offered. Let us continue to promote youth programs so that we might watch young soccer stars work their way to the top in future World Cups.

How can anyone who claims to be a sports fan ever forget the thrilling U.S. women's World Cup championship team of 1991? It hardly seems possible that a decade has passed since that dramatic moment in U.S. sports history. That was then. This is here and now.

I would again like to extend congratulations to the men's U.S. World Cup team and their supporters. I look forward to seeing several of these talented young men as future inductees in the Soccer Hall of Fame in Oneonta, New York, and I look forward to our continued success in men's and women's USA soccer.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, further reserving my right to object, I yield to the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. SULLIVAN).

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 445 introduced by the distinguished gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. WATTS) expresses the sense of the United States with regard to the United States national soccer team and its outstanding performance in the 2002 World Cup tournament.

Mr. Speaker, the U.S. soccer team's performance in the 2002 World Cup was

the most successful in the history of our Nation's participation in the tournament. The American team surprised the world by reaching the quarter final round, indicating that it has become a leading competitor in international soccer.

I wish to recognize Bruce Arena, the head coach of the United States soccer team, and every player on that team for their dedication to excellence and for representing our country with such integrity on and off the soccer field. I congratulate the US soccer team for its historic performance in the 2002 World Cup. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I urge the adoption of House Resolution 445.

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my strong support for H. Res. 445, a resolution that praises the United States National Soccer Team for their outstanding performance in the 2002 World Cup tournament. I want to commend U.S. Coach Bruce Arena and assistant Coach Dave Sarachen for their superb leadership and tactical brilliance in guiding the U.S. team to the quarterfinals of the World Cup. This was the result of tiring work by players and coaches alike and this World Cup will go down in history as the year U.S. soccer arrived on the world stage. The incredible performance of the U.S. soccer team has generated enormous enthusiasm and pride in this country and our player's can hold their heads high as they proved to the world that they can compete at the highest levels with the best soccer teams in the world.

The U.S. team played brilliant, inspired soccer throughout the World Cup and were able to defeat two of the top ten teams (Portugal and Mexico) in the world—a feat that no one would have predicted before the tournament started. U.S. sports fans also passionately responded to the great performance of our soccer team as sports bars were jam-packed with soccer enthusiasts and with ESPN receiving record viewership ratings in its television broadcasts of the U.S. World Cup matches. So let me once again congratulate the U.S. Soccer team for their phenomenal performance as the entire country is proud of what our players and coaches accomplished. The future of soccer is bright in this country and we can expect great things to come from U.S. soccer in the years to come.

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, over the last several weeks, the US Mens's Soccer Team has exceeded worldwide expectations by earning a quarterfinal match-up with Germany resulting from a first-round win over Portugal, a tie against host team South Korea, and a second-round win over Mexico.

With its 2-0 victory over Mexico on June 17th, the 2002 Team tied the men's national team marks for the most wins at a World Cup and most goals scored in a World Cup. The only other US team to equal this level of success was the 1930 team that reached the semifinals at the inaugural FIFA ("FEEFA") World Cup in Uruguay.

This year's win also marked the first time the US won a single-elimination game in World Cup History, and was the US's first World Cup shutout since its historic 1-0 upset of England at the 1950 World Cup in Brazil.

Much of the team's success can be credited to head coach Bruce Arena, a resident of the 11th Congressional District of Virginia. Throughout his distinguished career, Arena

has led teams to numerous championships at the collegiate and professional levels, and now should be commended for his success on the international stage.

With 18 seasons as the head coach at the University of Virginia and three more in Major League Soccer with the DC United, Arena spent 21 seasons at the highest level of club soccer in the United States. During his 18-year career as head coach of the University of Virginia Men's Soccer Team, Arena led his team to 5 NCAA Division One championships, and went on to lead the Under-23 National Team for 44 games through the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta.

To commend their success and wish them good luck, President Bush called Coach Arena and the Team in Korea at 11 am last Monday, June 17, informing the Team of the American public's excitement over their success. Coach Arena, in response, informed the President that the Team would give a performance that all Americans would be proud of.

Mr. Speaker, our men's soccer team did just that. Enthusiasm over the team's strong finish has been evident in communities across America, with standing room only crowds at early morning games packing restaurants and other locales on game days. The team's rise mirrors the sports' growth over the past several decades, and I'm proud that the leader of this pack resides in my congressional district. They've made us very proud.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

#### H. RES. 445

Whereas the performance of the United States National Soccer Team in the 2002 FIFA World Cup is the most successful in the history of our participation in the tournament;

Whereas the United States National Team surprised the world by advancing out of the first round of play and reaching the quarterfinals;

Whereas by reaching the quarterfinals the United States signaled that it has become a leading competitor in international soccer;

Whereas the 3 goals scored in the first game victory were the most ever scored in 1 game by a United States men's team in the World Cup;

Whereas the United States National Team advanced out of group play into the second round of the World Cup for just the third time;

Whereas the 2 to 0 win in the second round was the first time the United States National Team has won a game in a "knock-out" round of the World Cup;

Whereas this win marks the first time since 1930 that a United States team has advanced to the quarterfinals of the World Cup;

Whereas the Team's achievement reflects the explosive growth in popularity of soccer in the United States;

Whereas the United States National Team's performance symbolizes the emerging role of soccer for young Americans in sports and society; and

Whereas the United States National Team's performance speaks to parents about the importance of athletic participation for building character and confidence in their children: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

(1) congratulates the United States National Soccer Team for its historic performance in the 2002 World Cup;

(2) recognizes Bruce Arena, the head coach of the United States Team, and every player on the Team for their dedication to excellence; and

(3) commends the United States Soccer Federation and coaches and parents of young soccer players around the country for their role in the success of soccer in the United States.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. SULLIVAN

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, I offer an amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment offered by Mr. SULLIVAN:  
Page 3, beginning line 1, strike "United States Soccer Federation" and insert "United States Soccer Federation, the United States Soccer Foundation,".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. SULLIVAN).

The amendment was agreed to.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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#### HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN FRANCIS "JACK" BUCK

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 455) honoring the life of John Francis "Jack" Buck, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I will not object; but I yield to the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. SULLIVAN) to explain the resolution.

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 455 introduced by the distinguished gentleman from Missouri (Mr. CLAY) honors the life of John Francis "Jack" Buck. The resolution is co-sponsored by the entire House delegation from Missouri along with other Members.

For nearly 50 years, Jack Buck was known as the voice of the St. Louis Cardinals. He became one of the most respected sports broadcasters in the industry and an institution among baseball fans everywhere.

A decorated veteran of World War II, Jack Buck began his broadcasting career in 1948 while attending Ohio State University where he was a play-by-play announcer for football, basketball and baseball. He was hired by the St. Louis Cardinals in 1954 and began his 48 year career of announcing Cardinals baseball on KMOX radio. He brought baseball to life to millions of fans throughout the Midwest during his tenure in the booth. Jack Buck announced 8

World Series, 17 Super Bowls, numerous baseball All Star and play-off games, and many other major sporting events. He has been inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame, the Pro Football Hall of Fame, and American Sportscasters Association Hall of Fame and the Radio Hall of Fame.

Jack Buck was a leader away from the stadium as well. He spent over 30 years as the campaign chairman for the St. Louis chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation for which he helped raise more than \$30 million to fight the disease.

On June 18, 2002, Jack Buck passed away after a distinguished career in broadcasting and a long life in which he touched the lives of millions of Americans. Mr. Speaker, for these reasons I urge the adoption of House Resolution 455.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Further reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from St. Louis, Missouri (Mr. CLAY), for whatever comments or remarks he might have.

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) for yielding. I also thank my friend from Oklahoma (Mr. SULLIVAN) for speaking on behalf of the resolution.

Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 455 honors the life of John Francis "Jack" Buck, one of the true giants of sports broadcasting and a St. Louis icon. Jack Buck, the voice of the St. Louis Cardinals for nearly 50 years, sadly passed away last week at the age of 77 after a long battle with lung cancer and Parkinson's disease. He was one of the most respected and admired baseball broadcasters to have ever sat behind a mike, and his passing signals the passing of the golden age of baseball.

Jack Buck came to prominence in the 1950's, a time when baseball and radio were not simply intertwined, they were inseparable. In the 1950's and early 1960's, radio was the primary source for baseball for most Americans. And on any given night, Jack Buck on KMOX radio in St. Louis could be heard throughout middle America, from the upper regions of Wisconsin, all the way down to the Deep South. Like many St. Louisians, I grew up listening to Jack Buck broadcast St. Louis Cardinals games. It was through his broadcasts that I and millions of other baseball fans first learned the intricacies and the beauty of the game of baseball.

His friendly voice, his baseball knowledge, and his sense of humor enabled us to mentally picture the action on the field and were instrumental in fostering our love for the game of baseball. In the words of Bernie Miklasz of the St. Louis Post Dispatch, Jack Buck provided "the soundtrack for St. Louis summers" for 48 years. He was there in our backyards as we gathered around our grills and picnic tables; and he was there on our porches, under an evening sky. He was there in our cars, always the friendly travel companion along for

the ride; and he was there under our pillows late at night as countless kids smuggled their radios into bed to stay up and listen to a distant game from the west coast. He was part of the family.

He introduced us to all the Cardinal stars, Stan Musial to Bob Gibson to Ozzie Smith to Mark McGwire to Albert Pujols. His words were the link that connected them all. He was there at Sportsman Park and he was there at Bush Stadium. Jack Buck was a beloved figure in baseball and an institution to fans of the St. Louis Cardinals. His passing has brought great sorrow to Red Bird fans across the country and we all mourn our loss and the Buck family's loss.

I also want to extend my personal condolences to the Buck family. Jack Buck is rightfully considered to be one of the greatest baseball announcers of all time joining Vin Scully, Red Barber, Mel Allen, Ernie Harwell, and Harry Caray. I urge all of my colleagues to support this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I include for the RECORD an untitled poem that Jack Buck wrote and read September 17, 2001, at the resumption of baseball following the September 11 attacks.

#### JACK BUCK'S POEM

Since this nation was founded under God,  
more than 200 years ago,  
We've been the bastion of freedom . . .  
The light which keeps the free world aglow.  
We do not covet the possessions of others, we  
are blessed with the bounty we share.  
We have rushed to help other nations . . .  
anything . . . anytime . . . anywhere.  
War is just not our nature . . . we won't  
start, but we will end the fight.  
If we are involved we shall be resolved to  
protect what we know is right.  
We've been challenged by a cowardly foe who  
strikes and then hides from our view.  
With one voice we say there's no choice  
today, there is only one Thing to do.  
Everyone is saying the same thing and praying  
that we end these senseless moments we are living.  
As our fathers did before, we shall win this  
unwanted war.  
And our children will enjoy the future, we'll  
be giving.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Further reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker, let me just agree with the gentleman from St. Louis, Missouri (Mr. CLAY). Of course, St. Louis has always been a tremendous town for athletics. I spent 2 years as a young person living in St. Louis, and I learned all of these penalties that he mentioned. I must confess I was a great Red Schoendienst and Harry Caray fan and Ray Jablonski. I think they used to call him Jabbo. It is a great place to be and certainly Jack Buck added tremendously to the aura of St. Louis. Mr. Speaker, I urge passage of this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows: