

of Clarence Miller. This legislation would provide a lasting tribute to this fine individual that would be most visible to those he served for so many years in Lancaster, Ohio.

I might say that Mr. Miller today lives in Lancaster, Ohio. He visits the office often and still takes part in trying to help make our community better.

So it is with deep appreciation that I thank the House for passing this piece of legislation today.

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of this measure.

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, as an original cosponsor of H.R. 4755, I rise in strong support of this bill to designate the post office in Lancaster, Ohio as the Clarence Miller Post Office Building. This building served as Clarence's district office while he served the people of Southern Ohio for 26 years as a member of the House of Representatives.

Clarence Miller is a native and lifelong resident of Lancaster, Ohio. He was born in 1917. He was the third of six children born to Clarence Miller, Sr., and Delores Lloyd Miller. He married his high school sweetheart, Helen Brown, on December 25, 1936, and they spent 50 happy years together until her passing in 1986.

Clarence has two children, Jacqueline and Ronald. He has five grandchildren, Tyler Williams, Todd Williams, Amy Jackson, Jennifer Smith, and Drew Miller and four great-grandchildren—Morgan, Connor, Drew and Grant. He has a surviving brother, Paul, a retired broadcaster and marketing executive in Cincinnati.

Clarence grew up during the Great Depression. He was the son of an electrician. Clarence and his brothers and sisters worked to help the family financially during those troubled times, and as a young boy he delivered papers for the Lancaster Eagle Gazette.

During high school he unloaded trucks after school at the Omar Bakery, often not returning home until after midnight, and then rising early the next morning to attend classes.

Clarence always prided himself on being a self-made man. Following high school he went to work digging ditches for the Ohio Fuel and Gas Co., now called Columbia Gas, and rose through the ranks to become a practicing electrical engineer. While continuing to work full time at Ohio Fuel, Clarence and his brother, Paul, along with their mother, started Miller Electric, a small retail and electric wiring business in Lancaster.

Clarence first became interested in politics in the 1950s when the Ohio Fuel and Gas Co. offered courses in civics to its employees to help provide them with a better appreciation of how government operates. Clarence found the subject so captivating that he himself started teaching those courses, and afterwards began thinking about entering politics.

His political career began in 1957, when he was appointed to fill an unexpired term as a member of the Lancaster City Council. He was elected to a full term, and then was elected mayor of Lancaster, receiving the largest plurality in the history of the city.

Clarence was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1966 and was elected each succeeding Congress by wider margins. Clarence and President George Herbert Walker Bush were members of the same freshman

class. For six years Clarence served on the House Agriculture Committee and the Public Works and Transportation Committee, and then he was selected to serve on the powerful Appropriations Committee where he served for the next 20 years. Clarence was noted for his efforts to reduce federal spending during times of skyrocketing deficits. He originated the idea of offering 2-percent across-the-board reduction amendments to appropriations bills, which became known as the Miller Amendments.

Clarence always had a keen interest in technology, and was one of a handful of Members of the House to hold both United States and Canadian patents for technical innovations developed while he worked as an electrical engineer. Clarence successfully merged his technical background with his work in Congress. In 1977 he was appointed by the Speaker to be a member of the Technology Assessment Board of the Congress.

Clarence received many honors and awards including: honorary doctorate degrees from Marietta College in Marietta, Ohio, and Rio Grande College in Rio Grande, Ohio; the Phillips Medal of Public Service from Ohio University in Athens, OH; the National Associated Businessmen's "Watchdog of the Treasury Award"; the Americans for Constitutional Action's "Distinguished Service Award"; and the National Rifle Association's "Legislator of the Year Award."

He always took great pride in his work. He was not one to seek the public limelight. Clarence worked quietly and diligently over the years for our nation and for his constituents. He always said it is not important to get your name in the Washington Post or on the network news. Instead, you have to look after the people who sent you here to represent them, and to do what they think is best for the country as a whole.

Apparently Clarence's philosophy served him well, because he consistently defeated his opponents over the years by a better than 2-to-1 margin.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all members to vote for H.R. 4755 to honor Clarence Miller, a gentleman who served the people of Southern Ohio and our Nation very well in this chamber for 26 years.

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SHAYS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4755.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. SHAYS. 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.

HONORING TED WILLIAMS

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 482) honoring Ted Williams and extending the condolences of

the House of Representatives on his death.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 482

Resolved, That the House of Representatives honors the outstanding accomplishments of Ted Williams and expresses its deepest sympathies and condolences to the family of Ted Williams on his passing.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SHAYS) and the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. TIERNEY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SHAYS).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H. Res. 482.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have the House consider House Resolution 482, and I commend my distinguished colleague, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) for introducing it. This resolution recognizes the enduring contributions, heroic achievements and dedicated work of Ted Williams.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly my honor to rise today to support this resolution that honors Ted Williams. Ted Williams is not only one of baseball's greatest hitters, he was also a member of this Nation's greatest generation. Many of his baseball exploits still stand today.

The last hitter to bat over .400, Ted approached that endeavor like anything else in his life, never taking a shortcut. Batting under .400 but rounded off to .400 going into the last two games of the 1941 season, Ted took to the field and went six for eight in a double header on the last day of the season, raising his average to .406, the last player to hit over .400. He led the American league in batting six times, slugging percentage nine times, and total bases six times, and runs scored six times. He won two triple crown titles and was named Most Valuable Player of the league twice. He was also named to the All Star Team 16 times. Yet Ted's love of country and duty to serve took him away from the game twice, once during the Second World War and again during the Korean War.

During the Korean War, he flew 39 combat missions and earned an Air Medal and two Gold Stars. During his baseball career Ted had always hoped that people would see him and refer to him as the greatest hitter who ever lived. He was the greatest hitter that ever lived. But today this House recognizes Ted Williams as also a Navy aviator, a Marine, and a great American who exemplified dedication and sacrifice in absolutely everything he did.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to support this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I want to just reiterate some of the points that my esteemed colleague from Connecticut made, who has to travel a little bit further to Fenway Park than some of us who live in Massachusetts. The points he made are worth noting, but we also have a number of young people in the House today observing this particular proceeding, and I hope that what they take away from this even more so than the feats accomplished on Fenway Park and on the baseball fields around this country are the facts that Ted Williams served his country in the military, as the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SHAYS) said, on two occasions. When he left the baseball field first was for World War II and, secondly, for the Korean Conflict. He served his country nobly there and was a hero and continued on beyond that. Even after he finished his baseball career, he provided invaluable assistance to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and to others through his work and service for the Jimmy Fund, helping to eradicate cancer in children.

So for all the good deeds he did in baseball, he was a rounded individual who served this country, who has continued to serve his fellow man in a humanitarian way, with very serious issues of health. Besides that, he had some fantastic eyesight, a great athletic ability, was a terrific fisherman, and probably was the greatest hitter to ever live.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY), an individual who is better known around the House of Representatives for his fowl shooting percentage, more so than his batting average, the dean of the Massachusetts delegation, and a great baseball fan.

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Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. TIERNEY) for yielding me the time, and I thank the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SHAYS) for helping organize this tribute to Ted Williams.

As has already been said, he served 5 years in the military, 3 years in World War II, 2 years in the Korean war, each of those years at the prime of his baseball career.

We in Boston and many across the country believed that if he had not been forced because of the need to protect our country to actually play those five seasons that he would hold the record in just about every single offensive category of baseball statistics. That is how great a hitter he was. The amazing thing is that even though he missed 5 years, he is still near the top in so many of the important baseball categories.

When I was a boy growing up in Malden, Massachusetts, playing baseball for 3 or 4 or 5 hours a day, the one thing that I did at night was to lie there at night trying to go to sleep, dreaming of myself as Ted Williams, trying to hit Whitey Ford or Bob Turley or Don Larson or some other Yankee pitcher because we knew that of all of the people who we could call upon in order to protect us against the hated Yankees that Ted Williams was at the top of the list. And not only did I go to sleep dreaming that I was Ted Williams with that perfect swing, but I am sure that there were millions of others having the very same dream about their own baseball aspirations.

He not only was a great baseball player and a great patriot, but he was also a great fisherman. He is in the Fisherman's Hall of Fame. He, for over 50 years, was the living embodiment of the Jimmy Fund which is a fund which has been created up in Boston at the Farber Institute, which is now global in its reach which helps to treat cancer in children, which was his passion.

A lot of people say that Ted Williams reminds them of John Wayne; but in reality, John Wayne only played those parts in movies. John Wayne wishes he was Ted Williams, wishes that he had had the life, the career, the success that he had had in every single endeavor or that he touched in his life.

If somebody says 406, everyone knows that Ted Williams hit that for batting average in 1941. There are so many things that we could talk about here today; but at bottom, this was a great man, a great American and someone who is deserving of all of the praise which he is receiving across this country, and I thank the gentleman from Massachusetts for yielding me the time.

Mr. TIERNEY. Mr. Speaker, we have no other speakers, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume. Again, I thank the distinguished gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) for introducing this resolution and working so hard to bring it to the floor. Frankly, when he speaks, no one else needs to.

I also thank the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON), chairman of the Committee on Government Reform, and the gentleman from California (Mr. WAXMAN), the ranking member, for expediting its consideration. I ask all Members to support this resolution to express our condolences on Ted Williams' death and honor his awesome life and achievements.

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 482 to honor and recognize the life of baseball legend Ted Williams. I would like to extend my condolences on his recent passing away on July 5, 2002. It is both fitting and proper to recognize Mr. Williams for both his on the field and off the field heroics. From his patriotism to his love for America's greatest past time, Ted Williams has touched the lives of millions.

Theodore Samuel Williams was born in San Diego, California on August 30, 1918. Immediately after high school graduation, he signed a contract with the San Diego minor league baseball team. There he played one and half seasons with the team until the Red Sox obtained him in 1937, where he finished his career in 1960. After one year with the Red Sox, it was clear that Williams was destined to be a star. Throughout his career, the "Splendid Splinter" was one of the few people to post a batting average over .400 for a season and is the last player to date to do so. Ted Williams achieved the "Triple Crown" twice for leading the league in batting average, home runs, and runs-batted-in. He won the American League's Most Valuable Player Award twice and led the Red Sox to the pennant in 1946. He was elected into the Baseball Hall Of Fame in 1966. In his career, he slugged 521 home runs with a batting average of .344. In almost 8,000 at-bats, he struck out only 709 times. Ted Williams once said, "When I walk down the street and meet people I just want them to think 'There goes the greatest hitter who ever lived.'" Few people would disagree with this statement.

Not only did Ted Williams play baseball with excitement, but he loved his country with a passion as well. Mr. Williams was dedicated to his country and served in the Marine reserves for nearly five years. He selflessly put his baseball career aside two times at the peak of his performance in order to serve his country in its time of need. While in the service, he flew bomber planes in both World War II and in the Korean War. Many called him a hero. Williams was a patron for America.

Ted Williams had no tolerance for anything but the best from his colleagues. His stubbornness and need for perfection helped Williams be the best at his trade, whether it be playing baseball, flying fighter planes, or fishing. Ted Williams will be missed. I ask my colleagues to join me in our condolences and remembrances of Ted Williams for his brilliant accomplishments, patriotism, and fantastic memories throughout the 20th century by voting in favor of H. Res. 482.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague Mr. MARKEY for sponsoring H. Res. 482 honoring the great Ted Williams.

Ted Williams—the Splendid Splinter—dominated baseball throughout the 1940s and 50s. As the Boston Red Sox left fielder, he batted a lifetime .344, batted in 1,839 runs, had 2654 hits, and hit 521 home runs. Throughout this time, he won two Triple Crowns. However, it is his season batting average of .406 in 1941 that will forever live in the hearts of all baseball fans. No other player has hit over .400 for a season since.

Yet, if one asked Mr. Williams what he was most proud of in his life, he would say it was the time he spent fighting for this great nation. Mr. Williams spent five years—in the prime of his life and his baseball career—fighting in World War II and in the Korean War. Many often wonder how many more hits Williams would have had, had he not dedicated his life to the Navy and the Marines. And people throughout New England will remember Ted Williams for all the charitable work he performed for children.

Ted Williams spend 19 seasons with the Red Sox, 19 summers in Fenway Park. In a city where baseball is more than just a pastime, Ted Williams is an icon. A tunnel running

underneath the city of Boston is named after the Splendid Splinter—the first of many expected tributes and memorials. Baseball fans throughout New England and across the nation now join in mourning the loss of Ted Williams—the greatest hitter of all time and a man of great dignity and character.

And I think I speak for Red Sox fans everywhere in encouraging this year's team to win the World Series in Ted Williams' honor. A guy can always hope, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, again I would like to thank Mr. MARKEY and my other colleagues in the Massachusetts delegation for sponsoring this resolution. I ask Members to support this bill.

Mrs. THURMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a great American, Ted Williams and in strong support of a resolution that the House with my support passed earlier this afternoon.

I would also like to bring to my colleagues' attention legislation that I am introducing to name a post office in Hernando, Florida the "Ted Williams Post Office Building."

We all know about Mr. Williams' legendary baseball achievements, such as hitting .406 in 1941 and hitting a home run in his last at bat. We also know about his dedication to our country, which he showed by interrupting his baseball career TWICE, to serve in World War II and Korea.

However, I am here to talk about what Mr. Williams did for Citrus County in my district, where he lived from the mid-1980's until his passing earlier this month.

As most of you know, Mr. Williams was a fabulous fisherman, and he first came to Citrus County in 1950 for that reason. However, it wasn't until over 30 years later that he began to leave his mark on the County.

In 1982, Mr. Williams was named a marketing consultant for the Citrus Hills residential development, lent his name to the project and, most importantly, moved to the County shortly afterward. This helped bring thousands of transplanted New Englanders who followed his playing career to retire in Citrus County.

Mr. Williams put Citrus County in the national spotlight in 1994 with the opening of the Ted Williams Museum and Hitters Hall of Fame, which is located in Citrus Hills. The event brought plenty of celebrities to the area, such as Joe DiMaggio, Muhammad Ali and Bob Costas, who served as master of ceremonies.

The Museum would have an incredible effect on tourism in the area—which continues to this day. Despite his failing health, Mr. Williams appeared before 2,000 fans at the Museum's yearly hall of fame induction ceremony in February.

Everyone in Citrus County—baseball fans or not—had tremendous pride in the fact that one of the world's greatest baseball players lived in the area. However, he wasn't just a great ballplayer—he was a great American, and he left his mark on Citrus County.

The last day of the 1941 season, Mr. Williams was hitting .400 and was given the opportunity by his manager to sit out the game in order to preserve this monumental achievement. Of course, he did not sit, and finished going 6 for 8 in both games of a double-header.

Ted Williams would continue that dedication when he arrived in Citrus County. Indeed, the last player to bat over .400 batted 1.000 in Citrus County.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 482, legislation that honors one of baseball's finest players, and one of America's finest citizens, Ted Williams. I also want to commend the gentleman from Massachusetts, Mr. MARKEY for offering this fitting resolution.

Mr. Speaker, Ted Williams was respected by his peers, admired by his successors, and adored by his fans. His work-ethic was second to none, and he toiled day in and day out, dreaming that one day people would see him and remark: "There goes the greatest hitter who ever lived."

His wiry frame and pure talent earned him the nickname "The Splendid Splinter," and Ted Williams never failed to live up to that reputation on the field.

Williams is best remembered for batting .406 in 1941. In the sixty years since that tremendous season, no one has approached the milestone.

That 1941 season typified Williams' supreme devotion to the sport of baseball. Before the final day of the season, Williams had secured a .400 batting average. Yet he refused to sit out that day's double-header, playing both games and batting 6 for 8, raising his average 6 points.

Ted Williams' dedication to the game of baseball was evident as he continued to excel at an age when most ballplayers would have long since hung up their cleats. At the age of 40, he added his sixth and final batting title to his long list of accomplishments, becoming the oldest player to ever lead the league in hitting.

Williams was also a master of dramatic finishes, as he closed out his career in Fenway Park with a home run in his last at-bat. It was a fitting end for Boston's greatest and most beloved baseball player of all time.

While Teddy Ballgame will always be remembered as a baseball player, some of his greatest accomplishments came off the field. Williams' devotion to baseball was matched only by his devotion to his country. He acted as a true role model and hero during a time of war, sacrificing three years in the prime of his career to serve in the United States Marines in World War II from 1943–1945. Seven years later, he again left the baseball diamond to serve his country, this time in the Korean War. And even though his time in the military undoubtedly cost him some of his best playing days, he never regretted his service. In fact, Williams often counted his enlistment as a Marine as one of his greatest accomplishments.

In addition to his heroic sacrifices as a Marine, Williams will be remembered as the first Hall of Famer to have the courage to insist upon the inclusion of Negro League stars in Cooperstown. And we will be forever grateful to Williams for his generous support of the Jimmy Fund, a local charity that aids the fight against cancer.

Mr. Speaker, when Ted Williams passed away on July 5th, America lost a baseball legend. But we also lost a man with courage, dedication, and desire rarely equaled. It was these qualities that allowed Ted Williams to accomplish his lifelong goal. For when Ted Williams, the Splendid Splinter, passed away, there was one phrase that was on everyone's lips: "There goes the greatest hitter who ever lived."

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON). The question is on the mo-

tion offered by the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SHAYS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 482.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. SHAYS. 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.

CONGRATULATING DETROIT RED WINGS FOR WINNING 2002 STANLEY CUP CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 452) congratulating the Detroit Red Wings for winning the 2002 Stanley Cup Championship.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 452

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) congratulates—

(A) the Detroit Red Wings for winning the 2002 Stanley Cup Championship and for their outstanding performance during the entire 2001–2002 National Hockey League season; and

(B) all of the 16 National Hockey League teams that played in the postseason;

(2) recognizes the achievements of the Red Wings players, coaches, and support staff who worked hard and were instrumental in bringing the Stanley Cup back to the city of Detroit;

(3) commends the Carolina Hurricanes for a valiant performance during the playoff finals and for showing their strength and skill as a team; and

(4) directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to—

(A) the Red Wings players;

(B) Head Coach Scotty Bowman; and

(C) President and team owner Mike Ilitch.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SHAYS) and the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. TIERNEY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SHAYS).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H. Res. 452.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to have an opportunity to salute the Detroit Red Wings and will just point out that my statement was written by a staff member who does not even happen to be a Detroit Red Wings fan, but he has done a gracious job in preparing this statement.