

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.

Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 452, introduced by our distinguished colleague from the State of Michigan (Ms. KILPATRICK), congratulates the National Hockey League's Detroit Red Wings for winning the Stanley Cup for the third time in 6 years. The entire House delegation from the State of Michigan are cosponsors of this legislation.

Last month, the Detroit Red Wings defeated the Carolina Hurricanes in just five games to win the Stanley Cup Finals and bring the title back to, as the writer says, Hockeytown. En route to the finals, the Red Wings beat last year's Stanley Cup champions, the Colorado Avalanche, to clinch the Western Conference title.

The Red Wings' roster features such NHL superstars as team captain Steve Yzerman, Brett Hull, Sergei Federov, Chris Chelios, and goalie Dominik Hasek.

I would specifically like to congratulate Detroit Head Coach Scotty Bowman for his impressive leadership this season and throughout his frankly awesome career. Coach Bowman has been with the team since 1993, and he has guided the Red Wings to three Stanley Cup championships, including back-to-back wins in 1997 and 1998. Bowman is retiring from the NHL and thus closing out a truly remarkable career, during which he set many coaching records including a record nine Stanley cup championships during his tenure with the Montreal Canadians, the Pittsburgh Penguins, and now with the Detroit Red Wings.

Mr. Speaker, for these reasons, I urge adoption of House Resolution 452.

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

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

I rise to also support House Resolution 452 for consideration this afternoon. Obviously, all the things that the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SHAYS) has already mentioned are on my list of comments to make here on behalf of the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. KILPATRICK) and the other members of the Michigan delegation who, unfortunately, could not be here this afternoon to bring this matter forward and speak to it.

I do think it takes note again for the young people that are here that this is not just about winning and losing a hockey game, but more about the hard work and determination and teamsmanship that goes into a championship effort; and for that, the Red Wings are certainly to be congratulated for the skill, tenacity, and dominance with which they finished the regular season and then clinched the President's trophy.

They have done a great job. They deserve all the credit. For a Boston Bruins fan like myself, it is always difficult to understand that once again the Stanley Cup slipped away, but it went to a team who had a great year, was a very deserving; and we want to

make sure that everybody acknowledges this important feat as well as the hard work of Mr. Bowman as the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SHAYS) said, the team captain and other players there.

Their whole delegation, I am sure all of Michigan, take great pride in the work that this team and the effort that they have made.

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

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

I think it says something that a Boston Bruins, one of the original six, and a New York Rangers fan are saluting the Detroit Red Wings. They have been an awesome team, remarkable players, and truly outstanding coach; and I will just say that given that some Members have not had the opportunity to speak, with some trepidation, I am going to ask for a rollcall vote and know that my House Members from different hockey towns will have the good nature and goodwill to make this a unanimous resolution.

Mr. TIERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN), and we are honored to have in this body today a member of this body who takes great pride in being from Michigan.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate my friend from Massachusetts yielding me the time.

I just want to say a few words about the Red Wings as someone who has been a fan for quite a few years. The Red Wings are for Michigan more than a hockey team, and I think that is the secret.

A lot of us do care they are a successful hockey team. Some of us go back to the days when we played and there were not any indoor rinks. Some of us who are Red Wings fans used to fool around with hockey on ponds, and sometimes because the winter was not long enough, falling in while we were playing hockey.

But as I said, the Red Wings really are much more than a hockey team and that has been especially true under the ownership of Mike and Marion Ilitch. They understand what sports mean to Detroit and the whole metropolitan area in the State. They also understand, though, that sports can mean something more than just who wins and who loses.

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And the Red Wings, I think, have such wonderful following because, especially under the Ilitches, and the coaches there, led by Scotty Bowman, there has been continuity. We have come to know the players. I must say, on some teams, the players change so much every year, it is hard to identify with them. But that has not been true of the Red Wings.

The team that won the championship and the Stanley Cup really melded together and became a family, taking in

new members, and I think that gave us a sense of community and a sense, if I may say so, even of family. When Vladi Konstantinov was seriously injured, everybody rallied around him. And it is always a moving few moments when he rejoins the team for various events.

So I just wanted to come to the floor and to say, in tribute to the Red Wings, many thanks to all of the players, led by Steve Yzerman, the captain; to all of the coaches, led by Scotty Bowman; and to the entire Ilitch family, for making a sports team something more than a sports team. This wonderful group won the Stanley Cup, but they really also won the hearts of a lot of us in Michigan.

And if I daresay, as I close, to all my colleagues who have not been in the Detroit metropolitan area recently, there are more Red Wing flags flying from cars than you will see such flags anywhere else in America. If we who are candidates for office had just one-fiftieth of the flags that fly from the cars supporting the Red Wings, we could never lose an election. The Red Wings maybe can lose a Stanley Cup contest in future years, but they won it again this year and all of us from Michigan are very, very proud of them. And I thank the House for bringing up this resolution of congratulations.

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

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume to thank the gentleman from Michigan for his very thoughtful comments, and to say whether you are a Bruin fan, or Ranger fan, like Mr. TIERNEY and me, you can still be very happy to support this important resolution honoring the Detroit Red Wings.

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the entire Detroit Red Wings organization for winning the 2002 Stanley Cup on June 13, 2002, and collecting their 10th Cup by defeating the Eastern Conference Champion Carolina Hurricanes. After 82 games, followed by perhaps the most grueling playoff setup in professional sports, the Red Wings proved once again that talent and experience could triumph over more youthful competition.

Marian and Mike Ilitch, the owners of the Red Wings and community leaders in Detroit, have once again returned Lord Stanley's Cup to "Hockeytown," where it rightfully belongs. I would like to thank the Ilitch family for their dedication to the city of Detroit, State of Michigan, and to all Red Wing fans.

Red Wing fans are indebted to retiring head coach Scotty Bowman, who has brought the Red Wings to the playoffs 7 times in the last 8 years, won three Stanley Cups in the past 6 years, and who, with this year's victory, has earned his ninth Stanley Cup victory, surpassing his mentor Toe Blake for the most championships in National Hockey League history. This is truly an amazing accomplishment and I wish him well in his retirement.

Finally, I express my congratulations to the Red Wing players for their incredible season, and for showing all of us how to perform under great pressure. I applaud the hard work

and dedication which made this victory possible, and would offer my personal appreciation on behalf of Michigan's 16th Congressional District, to Captain Steve Yzerman, Brett Hull, Igor Larionov, Brendan Shanahan, Lue Robitaille, Sergei Federov, Darren McCarty, Chris Chelios, Niklas Lidstrom, Dominik Hasek, Kris Draper, Jiri Fischer, Jesse Wallin, Uwe Krupp, Mathieu Dandenault, Pavel Datsyuk, Ladislav Kohn, Kirk Maltby, Boyd Devereaux, Fredrik Olausson, Steve Duchesne, Jason Williams, Maxim Kuznetsov, Manny Legace, Jason El-liott, Sean Avery, Jiri Slegr, and Tomas Holmstrom.

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Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in congratulations of the 2001–2002 Stanley Cup Champion Detroit Red Wings.

Although history will be the final judge, the Detroit Red Wings are already being considered one of the greatest hockey teams ever assembled. Led by the winningest coach in NHL history, a team made up of truly great players—more than half a dozen prospective Hall of Famers and a rookie class with seemingly boundless potential—the Red Wings are a team that is greater than the sum of its parts. If there is one thing that can be said about the team, it's that they could never be counted out.

Throughout the year and the playoffs, the stars stepped up and led when leadership was needed, and when the veterans had difficulties, the rookies came through when it really mattered. Under Scotty Bowman, the Red Wings came together with an offense as quick and precise as a surgeon's scalpel, and a defense as tenacious as the octopus that we in Detroit have adopted as our symbol for the playoffs.

The Red Wings have shown themselves to be outstanding role models both on and off the ice. They embody the values of teamwork, discipline and dignity, and their involvement with the community has brought it together. For our young people becoming passionate about the sport of hockey, they couldn't look up to a better group of players.

And so today I join with my colleagues in congratulating the Detroit Red Wings for their Stanley Cup victory. This team has guts, determination and finesse. Sports Illustrated has called them the New York Yankees of Hockey, but I'm not so sure that's appropriate. They're the Detroit Red Wings of Hockey, and that speaks volumes more.

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the Representatives for bringing up H. Res. 452, a resolution that I, along with support from the entire Michigan delegation, introduced congratulating the Red Wings on a tremendous year that culminated in winning the 2002 Stanley Cup Championship.

As a native Detroiter, I am so proud of the Red Wings for bringing the Stanley Cup back to the City of Detroit and the State of Michigan. They showed true heart, dominance, skill, and tenacity throughout regular and post-season play in the National Hockey League. More importantly, they showed all of us that anything is possible with hard work, determination, and a strong team spirit. The Red Wings are true champions.

Thank you to head coach Scotty Bowman, who led the Red Wings to their third Stanley

Cup under his leadership, with the back to back wins in 1997 and 1998. I wish, Mr. Bowman, "the Winningest Coach in Hockey," all the best in his retirement and thank him for all that he has brought to this great sport. Congratulations to President and team owner Mike Ilitch and his wife, Marian, who have shown steadfast support for the team and the City of Detroit and have been owners of the Red Wings franchise since 1982. Their commitment to the team and the City rings true everyday.

For all hockey fans out there and for anyone that knows even a little bit about hockey, clinching the Stanley Cup is no easy feat. The Red Wings went through four grueling playoff rounds and defeated four very competitive and skilled teams to win the Cup, including the 2001 Stanley Cup Championships, the Colorado Avalanche in the Western Conference finals, and the valiant Carolina Hurricanes in the Stanley Cup finals.

The Red Wings faced strong opposition, but showed their true grit and skill every step of the way, getting stronger as each playoff series progressed. All the players on the Red Wings contributed to the team's success. Deservedly, each player will have his name engraved on the Stanley Cup, which is considered to be the most coveted sports trophy in North America.

I would like to thank my Michigan colleagues for cosponsoring this resolution. We congratulate the Detroit Red Wings on an awesome year. Way to go Red Wings! Hockeytown is proud.

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Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of congratulating the Detroit Red Wings for winning the 2002 Stanley Cup Hockey Championship.

As one of the Original Six hockey clubs, the Red Wings have proven time and time again that they are one of hockey's premiere franchises of all time. With their three to one victory over the Carolina Hurricanes in game five of the 2002 Stanley Cup Finals, the Wings clinched their third Stanley Cup in six years, totaling an impressive ten Cups since the team became a franchise in 1926. With a record like that, it makes sense that Detroit has come to be known as Hockeytown USA.

So congratulations and a special farewell go to Red Wing coach Scotty Bowman, who announced his retirement just before Steve Yzerman handed him the Cup after the final game. Congratulations also to Mike Ilitch and Jimmy Devallano for putting this team together. Congratulations, obviously, to captain Steve Yzerman, to the playoff MVP Niklas Lidstrom, to Brendan Shanahan, to goalie Dominik Hasek, and to all the members of this great club for bringing yet another of Lord Stanley's coveted chalices to Hockeytown. And congratulations to the Detroit fans that stood behind their team through it all. Mr. Speaker, we have done it again.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SHAYS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, House Resolution 452.

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.

#### BLACKWATER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE EXPANSION ACT

Mr. GILCHREST. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4807) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the property in Cecil County, Maryland, known as Garrett Island for inclusion in the Susquehanna National Wildlife Refuge, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 4807

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge Expansion Act".