

with 122 runs, 209 hits, 44 doubles, 11 triples, 30 homers, 98 RBIs and 22 stolen bases;

Whereas in 1998, after acquiring star right-hander Pedro Martinez, the Red Sox produced their first 90-win season since 1996. The 92-70 finish was good enough to vault them into the playoffs as the AL Wild Card. Nomar Garciaparra finished second in AL MVP balloting. The Red Sox snapped their postseason losing streak of 13 games by beating the Indians 11-3 in Game 1;

Whereas in 2000 Nomar Garciaparra earned his second consecutive batting title and Pedro Martinez earned his third Cy Young award in four years. Garciaparra's .372 batting average was the best batting average for a right-handed hitter in the past 50 years;

Whereas in 2001 the Red Sox signed superstar slugger Manny Ramirez off the free agent market, who clubbed a three-run homer in the first pitch he saw in a home uniform at Fenway Park;

Whereas on April 4, 2001, Hideo Nomo pitched Boston's first no-hitter since 1965. The start against the Orioles at Camden Yards was Nomo's first in a Boston uniform;

Whereas in 2002 the Red Sox began a new era, as the ownership group led by John Henry, Tom Werner and Larry Lucchino officially took over on Feb. 27. The Red Sox went 93-69 under new manager Grady Little, but missed the playoffs for the third straight year. Pedro Martinez and Derek Lowe gave the Sox their first 20-win tandem since 1949. The highlight of the season was Lowe's no-hitter at Fenway on April 27 against the Devil Rays. Manny Ramirez, despite missing six weeks with a fractured left index finger, won his first batting title;

Whereas Red Sox have appeared in the post-season seven times (1986, 1988, 1990, 1995, 1998, 1999 and 2003) since 1986;"

After "Resolved, That the House of Representatives and the American people extend heartfelt congratulations to the New York Yankees on the occasion of its 100th anniversary, and express the sincerest gratitude to the entire organization." Insert "Resolved, That the House of Representatives and the American people extend heartfelt congratulations to the Boston Red Sox on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of its victory in the first World Series and express the sincerest gratitude to the entire organization."

So I join, Mr. Speaker, the Red Sox nation in congratulating the Red Sox on the 100th anniversary of their victory in the first World Series and for their recent wild-card victory in the 2003 play-offs. On behalf of the Red Sox fans across the country and the world, I hope that the 85th time is a charm and it is this year. Good luck for all the teams in the play-offs and the Red Sox in particular, as well as the Yankees.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. speaker, I rise in strong support of House Resolution 306, which congratulates the New York Yankees on their 100th anniversary.

Others who have spoken before me, and will speak after me, will have talked about the Yankees' prowess on the baseball field. Certainly their 26 World championships and 38 American League Pennants are unsurpassed in all of professional sports.

With my time today, however, I want to speak about one of the legendary New York Yankees, a man who has left his mark on this organization without ever taking to the field. That is George Steinbrenner, who bought the Yankees in January 1973 and has since then made it the most valuable sports franchise in the world.

Sports fans and non-sports fans alike know of George Steinbrenner's pride in the Yankees and his drive and desire to win the World Championship. Few people, however, know of his compassion and willingness to come to the aid of those most in need.

George Steinbrenner and his son Hal Steinbrenner devote much of their personal time in support of the Warrior Foundation, a nonprofit organization that assists the families of U.S. Special Operations Forces who make the ultimate sacrifice in defense of freedom. The Foundation provides scholarships for the children of these brave warriors who serve our Nation in anonymity.

George Steinbrenner and the New York Yankees also show their support of our troops throughout the season, by regularly honoring them at Yankee Stadium. During New York's Fleet Week, the Yankees honor thousands of sailors, soldiers, marines, airmen, and Coast Guardsmen while hosting them at baseball games. The Yankees regularly pay personal visits to our troops when they are hospitalized with injuries, and they honor those who are able to travel to Yankee Stadium.

Few people will ever forget the special bond that developed between the Yankees and the fire and police departments of New York City following the tragic events of 9/11. Our Nation will never forget the spiritual and emotional lift that those same Yankees gave our Nation with their never say die effort during the 2001 World Series.

Back home in the Tampa Bay area that I have the honor to represent, George Steinbrenner annually sponsors of series of holiday shows with the Florida Orchestra for underprivileged youth. Having participated in many of these shows, I can tell you that he brings greater happiness to thousands of children at these events each year.

He also reaches out to lend a helping hand to individuals and families with special needs throughout our community. He does not seek publicity for his efforts, he just does it because it's the right thing to do.

Mr. Speaker, George Steinbrenner is an American icon for his success as the owner of a professional sports team. For me, however, he is a true hero for his selfless acts to support our service members and our neighbors most in need. This is the side of George Steinbrenner few will ever see or read about but for which thousands are thankful and eternally grateful.

As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of this storied sports franchise, let us also say thank you to a great American with the heart of a champion. He has given our Nation much to cheer both on and off the playing field.

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, to the city of New York, the New York Yankees are truly more than just a baseball team.

For 100 years, they have captured the imagination, brought New Yorkers together and given our city of champions a championship spirit.

The numbers speak for themselves: 26 World Series won. 38 Hall-of-Famers. 6 consecutive division titles—and counting.

From Manhattan to Moscow, The Bronx to Beijing, you're likely to see someone wearing the distinctive Yankees ball cap wherever you go.

The world over, everyone knows the Yankees. But my most cherished Yankees memory, and the one that confirmed the uplift-

ing, inspirational power the Yankees have was in the aftermath of the tragic attacks of 9/11.

It was the City's darkest hour and New Yorkers' most harrowing experience. Collectively, New Yorkers rallied around their neighbors, their leaders—and their championship teams.

That year, the Yankees put on an exhilarating, magical performance in the World Series, constantly fighting back from the brink of defeat to push the series to the limit.

That year, the Yankees' post-season performance was the first bit of good news many New Yorkers had received in weeks.

For that, and so many other memories, I am thrilled to join with my colleagues here and millions of New Yorkers back home in congratulating the New York Yankees for 100 years of thrills, excitement and excellence.

Ms. WATSON. Mr. Speaker, we have no additional speakers, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. SOUDER) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 306.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

BOB HOPE POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3011) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 135 East Olive Avenue in Burbank, California, as the "Bob Hope Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3011

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

SECTION 1. BOB HOPE POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 135 East Olive Avenue in Burbank, California, shall be known and designated as the "Bob Hope Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the Bob Hope Post Office Building.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. MILLER) and the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATSON) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. MILLER).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Michigan?

There was no objection.

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, this House justifiably honors numerous Americans each Congress, many of whom we know well and others who are less famous; but we may never pay tribute to anyone who selflessly devoted more time and energy toward promoting the general welfare in this country than the incomparable Bob Hope.

This legislation, H.R. 3011, introduced by the gentleman from California (Mr. SCHIFF), designates the postal facility in Burbank, California, as the Bob Hope Post Office Building, and all 53 members of the California State delegation have signed on as cosponsors of this legislation.

Bob Hope lived a wonderful life that spanned one full century. Towards the end of his life he was perhaps the biggest giant in the American entertainment industry; and whether it was vaudeville or Broadway, TV, movies or radio, America grew up with Bob Hope during the 20th century, and we laughed all the way.

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The legendary star of radio, television and film was born in Eltham, England, on May 29, 1903. The Hope family moved to Cleveland, Ohio, when Bob was 4, and he became a United States citizen in 1920. With his passing on July 27, 2003, the country that he loved and gave so much to mourned.

This Nation can never repay Bob Hope or his family for his commitment or his love of country. But with the passage of H.R. 3011, this House can speak for the citizens of this land in saying, "You were a great American, Bob Hope. Thank you."

The son of a stonemason and an aspiring singer and entertainer, Bob Hope exemplifies the American Dream. To supplement his income when he began working in his teenage years, Bob began to follow in his mother's footsteps by doing some singing in nearby restaurants. Finally, he learned the art of vaudeville, and by 1928 he had adopted his stage name Bob Hope.

Bob eventually secured a variety show on NBC radio that lasted 18 years. By 1940, it was the most widely listened-to show in America. In 1950, he signed an exclusive TV deal which spawned a partnership that lasted more than 40 years and produced hundreds of programs and specials. On the big screen, he costarred with Hollywood legends like Bing Crosby, Shirley Ross, Paulette Goddard, and Dorothy Lamour during his movie career that lasted from the late 1930s through the Forties and Fifties. Before it was all over, he had starred in 75 motion pictures, nearly 500 television shows, and literally thousands of radio programs.

However, most Americans remember Bob best for his performances for the U.S. troops through the United Service Organization. During the early years of World War II, in 1941, he visited troops stationed in California to tape his

radio show. After doing both radio and television shows over nearly five decades for U.S. troops located all over the globe, Bob Hope performed in front of troops for the last time in 1990 for servicemen and women readying to fight in the Persian Gulf War. Over the years, he traveled to bring a little bit of home to American soldiers abroad in Europe, North Africa, the Middle East, and Asia.

The gift that Bob Hope gave to the soldiers defending our freedom is priceless. In a time of great danger, the soldiers were entertained and were able to escape the trying times of their lives just for a moment. Mr. Speaker, Bob Hope expressed the love of a Nation for the men and women risking their lives for all of us back at home. He touched the lives of these brave men and women because he knew that they were fighting for us, for our freedoms.

Bob Hope passed away at 100 years of age, and we all greatly miss him. But he passed away serenely one evening. In fact, to quote his daughter, Linda, she said, "I don't think you could have asked for a more peaceful, beautiful death. And I think all the good vibes my father put out during his lifetime came back to take him up."

There is little that can be said that has not been said about what a wonderful person Bob was. He was given 54 honorary doctorates, the Congressional Medal of Honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, was inducted into the Television Hall of Fame, and was even knighted by his native Great Britain. But today, I am sincerely proud that we have a chance to say just a few more words about Bob and his legacy.

Every American owes Bob a little something for his contributions to the fabric of this Nation. It is certainly appropriate that this House give at least a little bit back to Bob Hope by naming after him this post office in Burbank, California, where the NBC Studios are located, a place we all know he spent much of his career.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to vote for the passage of H.R. 3011 that commemorates the matchless life of Bob Hope, and I congratulate the gentleman from California for his work on this bill.

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

Ms. WATSON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume, and I rise to support H.R. 3011, that will designate the facility of the United States Post Office located at 135 East Olive Avenue in Burbank, California, as the Bob Hope post office building.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join my colleagues in the consideration of H.R. 3011, legislation naming this post office after Bob Hope. The bill was sponsored by the gentleman from California (Mr. SCHIFF) on September 4, 2003, and it has met the policy of the Committee on Government Reform and has been cosponsored by the entire California delegation.

Bob Hope was born Leslie Townes Hope in 1903 in Eltham, England. He emigrated to America 4 years later. For more than 60 years, Bob Hope traveled around the world entertaining and supporting our military personnel. From World War II, to the Korean War, to the Vietnam War, and the Persian Gulf War Bob sang, danced, joked, comforted, and took picture after picture with our men and women who were fighting for our country. But Bob Hope did not just give of his time and his talent, he also gave from his heart and his pocket. Throughout his career he raised more than \$1 billion for war relief and various other charities.

Sadly, Bob Hope, the friend of presidents and a living legend in radio, TV, film, and on Broadway died at his home on July 27, 2003. However sad it was, he met the century figure, 100 years.

Mr. Speaker, I commend my colleagues for seeking to honor the late Bob Hope in this manner; and, as a representative of Hollywood, we will all cherish his memory and his works and hope that we can give back to humankind what he did. I urge the swift adoption of this bill.

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

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume to simply say that this is truly a worthwhile measure, and I want to again commend the gentleman from California for his work on it. I certainly urge all my colleagues to support the passage of this measure.

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today in support of the Bob Hope Post Office Building Designation Act (H.R. 3011). First I would like to thank my colleagues ADAM SCHIFF and HOWARD BERMAN for introducing this bill.

On Sunday, July 27, 2003, the world lost one of its most beloved comic talents when Bob Hope died of pneumonia in Taluca Lake, CA. He was 100.

Though he was born in England and he grew up in Cleveland, OH, Bob Hope will always be a Californian. He expressed the California spirit that has captivated not only this country, but also the rest of the world in the century in which he lived.

Witty, self reliant, innovative and an entrepreneur wrapped together with impeccable timing, Bob Hope spoke to Americans on many levels. He made us laugh, he made us think and most importantly—he made us proud to be Americans.

Bob Hope's accomplishments in entertainment are well documented.

We will miss Bob Hope the entertainer, but during times like these, when every morning we are abruptly reminded of the conflict in Iraq and the sacrifices of American men and women in the Middle East, we desperately miss Bob Hope the American ambassador of good will, humanity and humor.

His contribution to our military will be irreplaceable. It was his gestures that have made the greatest impact to our troops, to our Nation and to all our citizens that applauded him as he entertained our troops overseas.

His decades of support to our troops, his presence overseas, made us all feel better

back home. We couldn't be there, but Bob Hope was. He knew the sacrifices our men and women made and he let our brave men and women know that we supported them back home.

Bob Hope is already missed.

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of the most beloved and recognizable talents in the world. Bob Hope is regarded as a gifted entertainer, with an unmistakable ability to bring laughter and joy to persons of all ages; however, he was also an ambassador of hope to our men and women overseas.

It is with great honor that I stand before you today, and bring to the Floor, House Resolution 3011, a resolution cosponsored by all of my colleagues from California. This legislation will honor Bob Hope's many contributions to veterans, active duty troops, the field of entertainment and the greater Los Angeles community, by naming the Burbank, CA, Main Post Office for him.

Born in Eltham, England, on May 29, 1903, Bob Hope seemed to be destined to entertain. From impersonating Charlie Chaplin in front of the neighborhoods firehouse in Cleveland as a young boy, to celebrating an unprecedented 60 years with NBC in 1996, Hope's entertainment persona has been evident in every decade of the 20th century.

An avid golfer, Bob Hope had been quoted as saying, "Golf is my profession. I tell jokes to pay my green fees." Most notably, he developed and hosted the Bob Hope/Chrysler Classic, a pro am tournament held annually in Palm Springs, CA. Over four decades later, the Classic draws the most famous pros and celebrity amateurs, and it has gone on to raise over \$35 million for the Eisenhower Medical Center and 70 other various charities.

What separated Bob Hope from other beloved celebrities was his unwavering commitment to bringing smiles and hope to American servicemen and servicewomen overseas. For nearly six decades, during times of war and peace, Hope traveled to countless countries to entertain the troops. Affectionately referred to as "G.I. Bob," Bob Hope became a fixture on the U.S.O. stage.

In May of 1941, Bob Hope performed for U.S. Troops at March Field, CA, beginning a legendary tradition of military performances. During World War II, he performed almost all of his weekly radio shows from American military bases around the U.S. and in the theaters of war. In his support of our troops, he traveled to England, Ireland, Africa, Sicily, and the South Pacific. After the war, he continued his commitment to freedom and humor with a Christmas show for troops supporting the Berlin airlift. During the 1970s, he brought joy to weary soldiers with Christmas shows at bases or veterans' hospitals throughout Vietnam. 1983 took him to Beirut, and in 1987 he traveled around the world to entertain troops in the Pacific, Atlantic, and Indian Oceans.

His globetrotting commitment to entertainment is unsurpassed, in peacetime or in war. The Navy has honored him with a class of ships in his name. Not to be outdone, the Air Force named a C-17 *The Spirit of Bob Hope*. When I was in Iraq in August, I visited a commissary named after Bob Hope and saw first hand how much his visits to the troops meant to them. Our Nation's only honorary veteran, Bob Hope's legacy will be that of a wartime and peacetime soldier, always fighting to bring

a smile and a piece of home to U.S. troops around the world.

John Steinbeck once said of Bob Hope, "It is impossible to see how he can do so much, can cover so much ground, can work so hard and be so effective."

Former Burbank mayor Michael Hastings said to Hope, "He was as large in this community as he was in the world, and I think Burbank has been a great beneficiary." It seems only fitting that a city that served such an instrumental role in Bob Hope's life, return that honor by naming its historic post office after the entertainer.

Hope's ties to the city of Burbank, CA were numerous. In 1973, he was named the city's honorary mayor, and in 1989, the city renamed a portion of Catalina Street near NBC studios to Bob Hope Drive. In April of 1993, those studios were dedicated in honor of Hope's 90th birthday and his more than 50-year association with the network. Donating more than \$1 million to the Providence St. Joseph Medical Center Foundation in Burbank, Hope also helped raise money to build a veteran's monument in the city, by performing at the Starlight Bowl in 1987.

By naming the Burbank, CA Main Post Office for Bob Hope, we will remember him for his talent and honor him for his extraordinary impact on the lives of our troops. With the release of his very first feature film, "The Big Broadcast of 1938," "Thanks for the Memory," became Hope's signature song. Earning an Academy Award, the song will forever remind us of the legendary Bob Hope. The classic Hope song ends with the words, "Aw' fly glad I met you, cheerio, and toodle-oo and thank you so much."

We thank you Mr. Bob Hope, for all the memories.

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of naming a post office for Bob Hope near his hometown of Toluca Lake. This is a small tribute for a man who has given so much to our country.

Bob Hope was a man who knew no boundaries. He certainly did not heed geographic borders, performing for soldiers in all corners of the world. Starting in 1941, he headlined USO shows in the South Pacific, Africa, Europe and the Middle East, entertaining millions of soldiers and bringing laughter to the most desolate places on Earth.

Bob Hope did not recognize boundaries of time, charming audiences of civilians and soldiers for over sixty years. His first "last Christmas tour" was in 1972, yet into the 1990's he could be found performing for troops in Saudi Arabia during "Operation Desert Storm." No other entertainer has given so much for so long.

Bob Hope's life also eclipsed the boundaries of entertainment. His career covered every field of entertainment, from vaudeville to Broadway, radio to television and film to stand-up. His signature song "Thanks for the Memories" won an Academy Award. Although he never won an Oscar himself, Bob Hope hosted the Oscars a record 18 times and was awarded two honorary Oscars.

On May 29, 2003, America mourned Bob Hope's death at the age of 100. Although he starred in more than fifty films, he may be most remembered for his role as an honorary veteran. This honor, the only one ever awarded, was bestowed on him for his commitment to our armed services. While America could

never repay Bob Hope for his service to our country, H.R. 3011 will continue a fine tradition of honoring an exemplary citizen. I strongly encourage my colleagues to support this bill.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WHITFIELD). The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. MILLER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3011.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF BOB HOPE

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 357) honoring the life and legacy of Bob Hope.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 357

Whereas Bob Hope was born Leslie Townes Hope on May 29, 1903, in Eltham, England, and immigrated to the United States in 1907 at the age of 4;

Whereas Bob Hope entertained America on the vaudeville circuit, the Broadway stage, and in over 1,100 radio shows, 75 movies, and 475 television programs;

Whereas for more than 5 decades Bob Hope entertained the Nation's troops overseas with the United Service Organizations (USO), putting on shows during World War II, the Korea War, the Vietnam War, and the first Persian Gulf War;

Whereas during his lifetime Bob Hope donated more than 1 billion dollars to hospitals, charities, and civic organizations;

Whereas Bob Hope received the Congressional Gold Medal in 1962, in recognition of his service to his country and the cause of peace, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1969, in honor of his gifts of joy to all the American people;

Whereas Bob Hope's commitment to the Nation's troops was so great that he was the first person ever to be recognized by the United States Congress as an honorary veteran;

Whereas Bob Hope received the Distinguished Service Medal from each branch of the Armed Forces;

Whereas Bob Hope was awarded 5 special Oscars, the George Peabody Award, and more than 50 honorary degrees; and

Whereas, on July 27, 2003, America was greatly saddened by the death of Bob Hope: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) honors Bob Hope for his legendary career as an entertainer, decades of dedicated service to the men and women of the Armed Forces, and his many philanthropic and humanitarian acts; and

(2) expresses condolences on his passing to his wife Dolores, their children, and grandchildren.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. MILLER) and the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATSON) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. MILLER).