

be imposed, the test must show it would provide greater benefit than harm to U.S. interested parties in that case. If not, it can't be imposed. This is only fair, and makes sure our policies are economically sound.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this important bill to help our American manufacturing base be as competitive as it can be.

CONGRATULATING THE CHICAGO  
WHITE SOX ON WINNING THE 2005  
WORLD SERIES

SPEECH OF

**HON. JERRY WELLER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 2, 2005*

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this resolution honoring a sports team that will go down in history as one of the best there ever was: the 2005 Chicago White Sox. For a city so rich as Chicago in sports tradition—and sports misery, for that matter—our first World Series championship since 1917 has generated fond new memories for a whole new generation of Chicagoans.

Perhaps most remarkable about the team that has restored baseball pride to Illinois is its recipe for success: teamwork, teamwork, and more teamwork. Ozzie Guillen, the man who led this team of non-superstars, is in immigrant from Venezuela whose coaching future was measured by some experts in terms of months. Players such Scott Podsednik, A.J. Pierzinski, and Bobby Jenks, who provided some of the series' most thrilling and memorable moments, were mostly cast-offs from other teams. This Chamber, and indeed this country, can learn a lot from the team-first principles which the Chicago White Sox proved are the ultimate winning formula.

Mr. Speaker, I'm particularly proud of the manner with which the Chicago area celebrated our team's victory. The moment Paul Konerko caught the final out of Game Four, millions of Chicagoans and thousands of my own constituents poured out into the streets of most every neighborhood, and managed to conduct themselves in a wildly enthusiastic, yet safe and dignified manner. The victory celebration downtown attracted 1.7 million people and had to be held on a Friday because nobody wanted to wait until the weekend.

Mr. Speaker, the world-class city that is Chicago now has another world championship calling card. I salute the 2005 White Sox and their fans, and I urge passage of this measure honoring this utterly deserving team.

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SPEECH OF

**HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 2, 2005*

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Chicago White Sox for their historic 2005 season which culminated in their first World Series victory in 88 years.

Earlier this year, many Chicagoans realized that this team was something special. For example, their style of play was unique. The White Sox placed emphasis on aggressive base running, solid pitching, strong defense and strategic hitting. This style of play became known around the league as "Ozzie ball," named after the White Sox former shortstop and now manager, Ozzie Guillen.

The White Sox front office caught on to this trend and began marketing the Sox with their "Grinder Ball Rules" ad campaign. One of these "rules," Grinder Ball Rule #7, was demonstrated in a print ad featuring White Sox closer and Japan native, Shingo Takatsu with the line: "To win, you need defense, speed and discipline . . . And immigration."

That ad captured two of the important components of this historic team: the hard nosed ball playing of the Sox and the diversity of players that came together to win the championship as a team.

The White Sox dugout at times sounded as if it were a mini-United Nations. Jose Contreras and Orlando Hernandez from Cuba. Damaso Marte, Luis Vizcaino, Pablo Ozuna, Juan Uribe and Timo Perez from the Dominican Republic. Freddy Garcia and manager Ozzie Guillen from Venezuela. Tadahito Iguchi from Japan. And last, but not least, the Korean baseball hero, always smiling bullpen catcher, "the Hulk," Man Soo Lee.

Their story is so familiar, so hopeful, for so many immigrants in this country—men and women who, like them, come to the United States to work hard, to provide for their families and loved ones, so that they, too, can live a better and safer life and pursue the American Dream.

And that is why this resolution is so important, deserving and justified. Throughout history people have associated baseball with the strengths of American culture and equated the game with the best of our country's character and resolve.

And in Chicago, we have found a team that embodies the character of our great city, especially the South Side of Chicago, where part of my District lies. The team, much like the South Side, is composed of close-knit friends who do their work diligently and without much fanfare. You can see it in the fan base, especially when you watch games on television. When the White Sox swept the Red Sox in the first round of the playoffs, celebrities like Ben Affleck, Jennifer Garner, Matt Damon, and Robert Redford were easily identified by the television cameras panning around Fenway Park. But when the next round came back to Chicago, the cameras weren't as active looking for Bernie Mack, James Denton (the plumber from "Desperate Housewives") and Dennis DeYoung of Styx.

And I think that's just fine with the South Side and our city at large. The White Sox didn't win the World Series by relying on the star power of a few individuals. Instead they had to work together and grind out every game with blood, sweat and, after the champagne popped in the clubhouse, after the last game of the year, tears of White Sox heroes who all share the spotlight equally with some of the best fans in baseball. Congratulations.

CONGRATULATING TOM GRACE  
UPON HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 3, 2005*

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend a sincere congratulations to my good friend Tom Grace upon his retirement as a social worker from the New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Mental Disabilities. Tom Grace worked for 30 years in the Developmental Disabilities Service Office in West Seneca, New York.

Tom is a well respected union official in Western New York; in 1981 he was elected as the first President of Division 167 of the Professional Employees Federation. Tom was the Western New York Regional Coordinator for PEF from 1985 through 1987. For many years he served on the Executive Board of the Buffalo AFL-CIO District Council and presently serves on the Executive Board of the Western New York AFL-CIO Federation.

Tom Grace is also a distinguished social activist. Tom has always been a leader in the fight for social change in the United States. He is a staunch Democrat, and over the years he has been most generous with his time and resources. Tom's social activism goes back to his college days. On May 4, 1970 Tom was one of the students wounded at Kent State while protesting the Viet Nam war. Tom's spirit is unwavering. He is committed to speaking out when he sees injustice; be it in the work place or the social theater that makes up this Nation.

Tom has a reputation for fearlessness; he is modest in stature but grand in his convictions. Mr. Grace will be greatly missed but I am sure he will not travel far from the causes so dear to him.

It is with great pride and gratitude I stand here today to recognize Tom Grace for his many years of support and for his commitment as a community advocate. I wish Tom, his wife Peggy and their children TJ and Allison many years of continued health and happiness.

TRIBUTE TO JACK BASKIN

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 3, 2005*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, Mr. FARR and I rise today to honor an extraordinary citizen of our community, Jack Baskin. Throughout his life, Mr. Baskin has made significant contributions to the betterment of Santa Cruz County and he is held in the highest regard throughout our region.

Jack Baskin, now a retired engineer and general contractor, was born in upstate New York, the son of immigrants. During the Great Depression his family made many sacrifices in order for him to go to college, and he was the first member of his family to do so. He attended the University of Colorado where he studied mechanical engineering, later transferring to New York University where he earned his B.S. in aeronautical engineering.

After serving as an aeronautical engineer during World War II, Mr. Baskin moved West

and in 1948, acquired his California Professional Engineers License. He settled in Central California, and founded Jack Baskin, Inc., focusing on building affordable housing in the San Francisco area, in Santa Cruz and in Watsonville.

Jack Baskin is dedicated to his community and has given generously to it. Among the local organizations that are beneficiaries of Mr. Baskin's time and donations are Cabrillo College and Dominican Hospital. He was the founder of the Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County, and he has participated in many other organizations for children, families, and senior citizens. The University of California, Santa Cruz, UCSC, has been a long time recipient of Mr. Baskin's extensive contributions. His donations have supported computer engineering, instruction in the arts, the Institute of Marine Sciences, Shakespeare Santa Cruz, an endowed chair in psychology, and a scholarship in literature. Mr. Baskin chaired the UC Santa Cruz Foundation for 2 years and remains a trustee. His commitment to education is memorialized by two prominent buildings named in his honor on the UCSC campus.

Jack Baskin is a model citizen and a highly respected member of the community. Thousands of individuals have benefited from his generosity and dedication to higher education and community health care.

Mr. Speaker, Jack Baskin's life is an eloquent statement about what one committed citizen can do. We ask all our colleagues to join us in honoring him for all he has done to strengthen our community and to make our country better.

HONORING DR. J. KIRK SULLIVAN,  
OF IDAHO, FOR RECEIVING THE  
DISTINGUISHED EAGLE SCOUT  
AWARD

**HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 3, 2005*

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a unique individual in Idaho of high moral character and immense talent, J. Kirk Sullivan.

J. Kirk Sullivan is widely known in Idaho as the current chairman of the Idaho Republican Party, but Dr. Sullivan is much more than that. He is a husband, father, grandfather, friend, engineer, entrepreneur, businessman, and most recently, he is the recipient of the highest award granted by the National Eagle Scout Association—the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award.

As several of my colleagues know, the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award is a rare honor indeed, given only to those who have held the rank of Eagle Scout for 25 years or longer, have gained status of fame or eminence in their life work, and have shared their many talents with their communities on a voluntary basis. In each of these categories, Kirk not only meets the requirements, he far surpasses them.

Kirk has participated in many organizations and boards, currently serving as the Ore-Ida Council Boy Scouts of America President, as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Public Employees Retirement System of

Idaho, Board of Trustees for Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, and as a member of the Idaho Governor's State Science and Technology Advisory Council.

As mentioned earlier, Kirk is married to Elizabeth M. Sullivan, they have two children and three grandchildren. Originally from South Carolina, Kirk attended Clemson University where he earned a Ph.D. and M.S. in chemistry. He also attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Program for senior executives. During college he was a member of U.S. Army Reserve.

In his professional life, Kirk is a partner in Veritas Advisors, a philanthropic fundraising and political consulting firm. Kirk retired from the Boise Cascade Corporation in 1998 after 27 years with the company. He retired as vice president of Governmental and Environmental affairs. He also worked for the FMC Corporation for 13 years as an engineer, technical superintendent, and marketing manager.

In reviewing the criteria for the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award, I learned that only nominations of truly distinguished individuals, those receiving extraordinary recognition, fame, or eminence, are accepted. Previous award recipients include President Gerald Ford, Astronaut Neil Armstrong, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, retired General William Westmoreland, Senators RICHARD LUGAR and LAMAR ALEXANDER, film director Steven Spielberg, and one of our former colleagues J. J. Pickle of Texas.

This is a pretty impressive cast of characters with which Kirk's name will now be associated. He is deeply deserving of this honor and I want to take this opportunity to thank Kirk for his service to his community, the State of Idaho, and the United States of America. Kirk is a good citizen, a good friend, and a great model for us all.

A TRIBUTE TO LOCAL HEROES OF  
HURRICANE KATRINA

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 3, 2005*

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to two heroes whose leadership following Hurricane Katrina is truly inspiring.

Randy Boone, a retired U.S. Coast Guard Aviation Survivalman, recently wrote me a letter describing the selfless actions of two soldiers from the Army's 1108th Blackhawk squadron: Sergeant Stacy Eubanks and Sergeant Krings.

Immediately following the landfall of Hurricane Katrina, Sergeant Eubanks, whose own home was damaged, loaded his truck with ice and water that he delivered to the Mississippi coast. He went from house to house distributing all of the ice and water. He made a second trip that same day, and the following day was joined by a neighbor. Others were soon inspired to join him. Sergeant Eubanks and his fellow volunteers delivered over 5 tons of ice, hundreds of boxes of food, and several hundred cases of water throughout south Alabama and Mississippi. He also organized a caravan with a tractor trailer truck and pickup trucks with trailers loaded with food, water, ice and medical supplies from Mobile to Gulfport, MS.

Sergeant Krings and his family live in Waveland, MS, a community that was completely wiped off the map in the path of Hurricane Katrina. Thankfully, Sergeant Krings' family is alive and well, but their home was destroyed. When Sergeant Krings returned after the storm to what previously was his home, he spotted a group of displaced and disoriented survivors of Katrina gathered in a Waveland K-mart parking lot. Sergeant Krings organized the group, built a temporary shelter and a makeshift triage unit, and began assisting the injured. This parking lot was given the name "Camp Katrina." Sergeant Krings remained there for days until he was able to get outside assistance. I understand that the location later became a portable military medical facility to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina in Waveland.

Following Hurricane Katrina, Sergeant Eubanks went to Waveland to locate comrades he had not been able to contact. Sergeant Stacy found Sergeant Krings at the "Camp Katrina" parking lot. The two tried to recover personal items from the remains of Sergeant Krings' destroyed home.

The 1108th Blackhawk unit stationed at Fort Shelby was training to go to Iraq in October, when Hurricane Katrina hit the gulf coast. Because of the massive destruction to our coastal communities and because many of these soldiers' homes were severely damaged or destroyed, it is my understanding that only 50 of the soldiers will be deployed to Iraq. Sergeant Stacy is one of the 50, and I was not surprised to learn that Sergeant Krings has volunteered to go as well.

Mr. Speaker, the selfless dedication of these two gentlemen to their communities in a time of crisis is a tribute to their families, their communities, and their service in the Armed Forces. I am grateful to have these men serving in our Nation's military, and I commend their service.

AN ASSAULT ON AMERICA'S PUBLIC LANDS THE HARDROCK MINING PROVISIONS OF THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE'S BUDGET RECONCILIATION PACKAGE

**HON. NICK J. RAHALL II**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 3, 2005*

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, among the many egregious provisions of the Budget Reconciliation recommendations recently approved by the Resources Committee is a raid on America's public lands and our natural resources heritage of almost unparalleled proportions. Included in these recommendations to be considered by the House Budget Committee is the worst kind of "sham reform" of the Mining Law of 1872 that has ever been promoted during my tenure in Congress and if enacted would result in a blazing fire sale of Federal lands to domestic and international corporate interests. It is actually a step backward from this 133-year old statute.

Signed into law by President Ulysses S. Grant, the Mining Law of 1872 to this day governs the mining of valuable "hardrock" minerals such as gold and silver on Federal western public lands. The law allows private companies to patent—purchase—public lands containing valuable minerals for a mere \$2.50 to