

outside New England don't recognize by name or face but only as part of a team. And class might also describe a team whose accomplishments are sometimes dismissed as "luck" even when, by definition, "luck" can't explain continuous triumph, game after game, season after season, at home and on the road, in close games and blowouts, in air-conditioned domes and Foxborough blizzards.

Class refers to players, such as Tom Brady and Deion Branch, who would rather credit their teammates than tout their own efforts. Class describes players such as Willie McGinest and Tedy Bruschi, who would rather win Super Bowls than All-Pro invitations, as well as players such as Corey Dillon and Rodney Harrison, who have silenced past critics with their on-field performance not their off-field remarks.

Class means owners who care as much about the team as does the most passionate fan. The Kraft family, longtime New Englanders and Patriots' season ticket holders, seem to fit that description to a tee. Like the rest of Patriots Nation in 1994, Robert and Myra Kraft were devastated to see the team on the verge of moving to St. Louis. So much so, in fact, that they spent \$200 million to prevent that from happening.

Class also means owners who view their role in the community with dignity and responsibility. Although the Kraft family builds championships and unrivaled proficiency, their off-field victories may be even more impressive. Through the Patriot Charitable Foundation, the Krafts have made charitable affairs an integral part of their community presence, and as important a goal as any Super Bowl victory.

And perhaps most importantly, class means never describing oneself as a "dynasty," because dynasties are never proclaimed, but only earned—something a team with class, like the New England Patriots, knows quite well.

I join my colleagues in saluting the unsurpassed accomplishments of the New England Patriots.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CHOCOLA). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. DENT) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 86.

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.

#### RECOGNIZING VIRGINIA FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION ON ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 80) recognizing the Virginia Fire Chiefs Association on the occasion of its 75th anniversary and commending the Virginia Fire Chiefs Association for sponsoring annually the Mid-Atlantic Expo and Symposium, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 80

Whereas every State in the United States has established a fire chiefs association;

Whereas fire chiefs associations provide comprehensive and integrated statewide public safety efforts, thereby enhancing the quality of life of American citizens by reducing the effects of fire, medical, and environmental emergencies;

Whereas all fire chiefs associations serve to provide educational resources to firefighters, facilitate information exchange and regional cooperation between firefighting entities, and provide professional development workshops and training to all statewide and regional firefighters;

Whereas the mission statements of all fire chiefs associations have continuously broadened beyond the original goals of working for the promotion of fire prevention and protection from and extinguishment of fires to keep pace with the new challenges and demands facing the 21st Century, working in conjunction with the Nation's efforts in securing the homeland;

Whereas to accommodate the homeland security needs facing the Nation, the mission statements of fire chiefs associations today include facilitating the exchange of regional and national information, organizing annual conferences and symposiums to discuss ways of improving life-saving procedures, assisting in research studies, assisting in the development of public education in fire prevention programs, and supporting and encouraging the delivery of prehospital emergency medical services by the fire service to relieve human suffering;

Whereas the Virginia Fire Chiefs Association serves as a fine example of such a State fire chiefs association, which has recognized the aforementioned needs and broadened its mission to serve not only statewide interests, but regional and national interests;

Whereas upon realizing the need for regional cooperation toward the advancement of fire service in the United States, the Virginia Fire Chiefs Association established the Mid-Atlantic Expo and Symposium, which annually draws from States within the Mid-Atlantic region of the United States and which serves to educate firefighters on new techniques; and

Whereas on the occasion of their 75th Anniversary, the Virginia Fire Chiefs Association, will be once again hosting their annual Mid-Atlantic Expo and Symposium, on February 24, 2005; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives commends all fire chiefs associations on the outstanding service that they provide to the citizens of the United States.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. DENT) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. DENT).

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the resolution under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume. Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 80, as amended, commends all State fire chiefs associations. Every State in the Union has a fire chiefs association.

These groups provide valuable leadership skills to career and volunteer

chiefs, chief fire officers and managers of emergency service organizations throughout the United States.

The members are literally on the front lines of the homeland security effort, ready to respond in a moment's notice to crisis situations anywhere in America. Fire chiefs are unquestionably the world's leaders in fire fighting, first response, emergency medical services, natural disasters, search and rescue, and many other areas of public safety. Their efforts largely go unnoticed, which is why I am so pleased that the House is taking time to recognize fire chiefs associations today.

Mr. Speaker, my thanks go to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. GOODE) for introducing this resolution. I urge the adoption.

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

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I might consume. Mr. Speaker, every year fires and other emergencies take thousands of lives and destroy property worth billions of dollars.

Fire fighters help protect the public against these dangers by rapidly responding to a variety of emergencies.

They are frequently the first emergency personnel at the scene of a traffic accident or medical emergency and may be called upon to put out a fire, treat injuries, or perform other vital functions. State fire chiefs associations serve to provide educational resources to fire fighters, to facilitate the exchange of information, to promote regional cooperation between firefighting entities and to provide professional development workshops and training to all state-wide and regional fire fighters.

These efforts in recent years have been broadened to include protecting the homeland. The Illinois Fire Chiefs Association is dedicated to promoting excellence in the fire service by providing the network of information sharing and opportunities for its diverse membership and associated partnerships through education, legislation, and technical means.

The fire chiefs associations help us do our jobs, which is to serve and protect the American public. I commend the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association and all fire chief associations for their hard work and dedication. They function for all of us and in our best interest.

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

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 80, which recognizes the Virginia Fire Chiefs Association on the occasion of its 75th anniversary and commends the Virginia Fire Chief's Association for being an annual sponsor of the Mid-Atlantic Expo and Symposium.

Fire chiefs throughout the Nation provide decisive leadership that is key to the success of America's firefighters and first responders. The fire chief's associations in each State play a critical role in coordinating this important effort. Their members are literally on the front lines of the homeland security effort, ready to

respond in a moment's notice to crisis situations anywhere in America.

I have been able to witness the firm dedication and guidance the fire chiefs in my congressional district have provided. Unfortunately, their selfless efforts largely go unnoticed, which is why I am pleased the House is taking this opportunity to recognize the Virginia Fire Chiefs Association for their great achievements today.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Congressman VIRGIL GOODE of my home State of Virginia for introducing this important resolution and urge an "aye" vote.

Mr. GOODE. Mr. Speaker, I offer my strong support of passing H. Res. 80, which honors the Virginia Fire Chiefs Association on reaching their 75th anniversary and commends them for annually hosting the Mid-Atlantic Expo and Symposium, and honors all Fire Chiefs Associations across the United States of America for their hard work on behalf of the all citizens in this country. The Virginia Fire Chiefs Association serves as an outstanding model for the importance that fire chiefs associations serve in our country, while confronted with new challenges facing fire services in ensuring the safety of our citizens and in protecting our homeland. I congratulate the Virginia Fire Chiefs Association on reaching its 75th Anniversary. I hope that all will vote for H. Res. 80, the Virginia Fire Chiefs Resolution, and hope the U.S. House of Representatives will support this resolution and pass it today.

Mr. DENT. 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 Pennsylvania (Mr. DENT) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 80, as amended.

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

The title of the resolution was amended so as to read: "A resolution commending fire chiefs associations."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 7 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

□ 1830

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BURGESS) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE TO HAVE UNTIL 5 P.M. FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2005 TO FILE REPORT ON H.R. 27, JOB TRAINING IMPROVEMENT ACT

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Education and the Workforce may have until 5 p.m. on Friday, February 25, 2005, to file a report to accompany H.R. 27.

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

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

House Concurrent Resolution 25, by the yeas and nays;  
H.R. 324, by the yeas and nays.

RECOGNIZING CONTRIBUTIONS OF "GREENSBORO FOUR" TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 25.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. DENT) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 25, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 424, nays 0, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 32]  
YEAS—424

Abercrombie	Bonilla	Carson
Ackerman	Bonner	Carter
Aderholt	Bono	Case
Akin	Boozman	Castle
Alexander	Boren	Chabot
Allan	Boswell	Chandler
Baca	Boucher	Chocola
Bachus	Boustany	Clay
Baker	Boyd	Cleaver
Baldwin	Bradley (NH)	Clyburn
Barrett (SC)	Brady (PA)	Coble
Barrow	Brady (TX)	Cole (OK)
Bartlett (MD)	Brown (OH)	Conaway
Barton (TX)	Brown (SC)	Conyers
Bass	Brown, Corrine	Cooper
Bean	Brown-Waite,	Costa
Beauprez	Ginny	Costello
Becerra	Burgess	Cox
Berkley	Burton (IN)	Cramer
Berman	Butterfield	Crenshaw
Berry	Buyer	Crowley
Biggert	Calvert	Cubin
Bilirakis	Camp	Cuellar
Bishop (GA)	Cannon	Culberson
Bishop (NY)	Cantor	Cummings
Bishop (UT)	Capito	Cunningham
Blackburn	Capps	Davis (AL)
Blumenauer	Capuano	Davis (CA)
Blunt	Cardin	Davis (FL)
Boehlert	Cardoza	Davis (IL)
Boehner	Carnahan	Davis (KY)

Davis (TN)	Jenkins	Nussle
Davis, Jo Ann	Jindal	Oberstar
Davis, Tom	Johnson (CT)	Obey
Deal (GA)	Johnson (IL)	Olver
DeFazio	Johnson, E. B.	Ortiz
DeGette	Johnson, Sam	Osborne
Delahunt	Jones (NC)	Otter
DeLauro	Jones (OH)	Owens
DeLay	Kanjorski	Oxley
Dent	Kaptur	Pallone
Diaz-Balart, L.	Keller	Pascrell
Diaz-Balart, M.	Kelly	Pastor
Dicks	Kennedy (MN)	Paul
Dingell	Kennedy (RI)	Payne
Doggett	Kildee	Pearce
Doolittle	Kilpatrick (MI)	Pelosi
Doyle	Kind	Pence
Drake	King (IA)	Peterson (MN)
Dreier	King (NY)	Peterson (PA)
Duncan	Kingston	Petri
Edwards	Kirk	Pickering
Ehlers	Kline	Pitts
Emanuel	Knollenberg	Platts
Emerson	Kolbe	Poe
Engel	Kucinich	Pombo
English (PA)	Kuhl (NY)	Pomeroy
Etheridge	LaHood	Porter
Evans	Langevin	Portman
Everett	Lantos	Price (GA)
Farr	Larsen (WA)	Price (NC)
Fattah	Larson (CT)	Pryce (OH)
Feeney	Latham	Putnam
Ferguson	LaTourette	Radanovich
Finler	Leach	Rahall
Fitzpatrick (PA)	Lee	Ramstad
Flake	Levin	Rangel
Foley	Lewis (CA)	Regula
Forbes	Lewis (GA)	Rehberg
Ford	Lewis (KY)	Reichert
Fortenberry	Linder	Renzi
Fossella	Lipinski	Reyes
Fox	LoBiondo	Reynolds
Frank (MA)	Lofgren, Zoe	Rogers (AL)
Franks (AZ)	Lowey	Rogers (KY)
Frelinghuysen	Lucas	Rogers (MI)
Gallely	Lungren, Daniel	Rohrabacher
Garrett (NJ)	E.	Ros-Lehtinen
Gerlach	Lynch	Ross
Gibbons	Mack	Rothman
Gilchrest	Maloney	Royal-Allard
Gillmor	Manzullo	Royce
Gingrey	Marchant	Ruppersberger
Gohmert	Markey	Rush
Gonzalez	Marshall	Ryan (OH)
Goode	Matheson	Ryan (WI)
Goodlatte	McCarthy	Ryun (KS)
Gordon	McCaul (TX)	Sabo
Granger	McCollum (MN)	Salazar
Graves	McCotter	Sanchez, Linda
Green (WI)	McCrery	T.
Green, Al	McDermott	Sanchez, Loretta
Green, Gene	McGovern	Sanders
Grijalva	McHenry	Saxton
Gutierrez	McHugh	Schakowsky
Gutknecht	McIntyre	Schiff
Hall	McKeon	Schwartz (PA)
Harman	McKinney	Schwarz (MI)
Harris	McMorris	Scott (GA)
Hart	McNulty	Scott (VA)
Hastings (FL)	Meehan	Sensenbrenner
Hastings (WA)	Meek (FL)	Serrano
Hayes	Meeks (NY)	Sessions
Hayworth	Melancon	Shadegg
Hefley	Menendez	Shaw
Hensarling	Mica	Shays
Herger	Michaud	Sherman
Herseth	Millender-	Sherwood
Higgins	McDonald	Shimkus
Hinche	Miller (MI)	Shuster
Hinojosa	Miller (NC)	Simmons
Hobson	Miller, Gary	Simpson
Hoekstra	Miller, George	Skelton
Holden	Mollohan	Slaughter
Holt	Moore (KS)	Smith (NJ)
Honda	Moore (WI)	Smith (TX)
Hooley	Moran (KS)	Smith (WA)
Hostettler	Moran (VA)	Snyder
Hoyer	Murphy	Sodrel
Hunter	Murtha	Solis
Hyde	Musgrave	Souder
Inglis (SC)	Myrick	Spratt
Inslee	Nadler	Stearns
Israel	Napolitano	Strickland
Issa	Neal (MA)	Sullivan
Istook	Neugebauer	Sweeney
Jackson (IL)	Ney	Tancredo
Jackson-Lee	Northup	Tanner
(TX)	Norwood	Tauscher
Jefferson	Nunes	Taylor (MS)