

COMMEMORATING THE WEST OAHU LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2005 LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 248, submitted earlier today by Senator AKAKA.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 248) commemorating the West Oahu Little League Team for winning the 2005 Little League World Series.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, I rise today in support of resolutions congratulating the Ewa Beach little league team, the Oahu all-star team, and the Hawaii Warriors on their world championships. All three teams recently persevered through difficult competition to become world champions.

The Ewa Beach little leaguers competed in the Little League World Series held in Williamsport, PA. The team posted an impressive 7-6 win in the championship game, in which they came from three runs down to defeat the defending championship team from Curacao in extra innings.

The Oahu all-stars participated in the Cal Ripken World Series tournament held in Aberdeen, MD. In the championship game, the team used three pitchers to combine for a one hit shut-out as they prevailed by a score of 1-0 over the reigning champs, a very talented team from Mexico. A special congratulations to Kewby Meyer for being named Most Outstanding Player of the series.

The Hawaii Warriors won the 2005 Continental Amateur Baseball Association World Series, ages 9 and under. The team battled from behind in the final innings to win the championship game and complete the series with a perfect 9-0 record.

I am proud not only of the impressive wins but also of the humility and sportsmanship that the teams displayed as they won with aloha. All the teams represented the State of Hawaii, and the United States, very well.

I recognize the sacrifices many family members and friends made to support the teams. These young men were able to enjoy the athletic competitions because of their loving and caring families. I applaud these families' efforts and wish all the players and their families the best in future endeavors.

I look forward to hearing more about the success of our little leaguers as they continue to pursue their education and baseball ambitions. I also want to recognize all of the contributions from a Brookings Institution fellow in my office, Bill Ferraro.

I ask unanimous consent the Teams' rosters be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

WEST OAHU LITTLE LEAGUE, EWA BEACH, HAWAII TEAM ROSTER

#1, Layson Aliviado, 1B, P; #5, Harrison Kam, CF; #11, Ty Tirpak, RF; #12, Zachary Ramit, LF; #15, Ethan Javier, CF; #17, Vonn Feao, 3B, C; #18, Quentin Guevara, P, RF; #20, Sheyne Baniaga, P, 2B; #21, Michael Memea, C; #22, Zachary Rosete, LF; #24, Myron Enos, P, SS; #25, Alakai Aglipay, P, 3B. Coach: Tyron Kitashima. Coach: Clit Tirpak. Manager: Layton Aliviado.

OAHU ALL-STARS TEAM ROSTER

#0, Kalani Lagoc-Crawford, P, OF; #2, Jake Fujimoto, SS, OF; #5, Wilkins Kato, OF, 1B; #6, Ryan Yamane, OF, P; #7, Timmy Arakawa, SS; #11, Cory Quiamzon, OF; #14, Kash Kalohelani, C; #21, Joe Yokoi, 2B, OF; #22, Dylan Goto, 2B, OF; #23, Chris Sekiguchi, OF; #25, Ryan Cortez, 3B; #34, Jordan Deponte, 2B, P; #50, Kewby Meyer, 1B, P; #51, Gavin Okada, 2B, OF. Coach: Keith Oda. Asst. Coach: Staphe Fujimoto. Manager: Gerald Oda.

HAWAII WARRIORS TEAM ROSTER

Brett Choy, Chansen Fukushima, Joshua Inaba, Joshua Inouye, Ried Kimura, Seth Kinel, Luke Morris, Cal Muramaru, Sean Romo, Ryan Sato, Larry Tuileta. Coach, Paul Wallrabenstein III. Asst. Coach, Randy Inaba. Asst. Coach, Ricky Inouye. Asst. Coach, Dunn Muramaru. Asst. Coach, Paul Wallrabenstein, Jr.

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate, and that any statements be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 248) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 248

Whereas on August 28, 2005, the West Oahu Little League Team from Ewa Beach, Hawaii, won the 2005 Little League Baseball World Series Championship;

Whereas the Ewa Beach team defeated the defending champions Curacao, 7-6, in a dramatic, come-from-behind victory in only the second extra-inning championship game in the history of the Little League World Series;

Whereas the victory marked the first Little League World Series championship for the State of Hawaii;

Whereas manager Layton Aliviado had the ability to instill 12 boys from Ewa Beach with the confidence and skills needed to remain focused and fight back to win after falling behind;

Whereas the team hit 13 home runs during the 6 game tournament, including 3 in the championship game victory;

Whereas the champions hit at least 1 home run in every tournament game, with Vonn Feao knocking out a tournament high 4, Michael Memea and Alakai Aglipay each hit 3, Sheyne Baniaga hit 2 (including the game winner in the United States semifinal), and Quentin Guevara hit 1;

Whereas Michael Memea's game-ending homer was a first in the history of the Little League championship game; and

Whereas all of the team's players showed tremendous dedication throughout the season and the tournament toward the goal of winning the World Championship and displayed great class and sportsmanship in victory: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends the West Oahu Little League Team from Ewa Beach for winning the 2005 Little League Baseball World Series Championship;

(2) recognizes the achievements of all the team's players, coaches, and support staff, and invites them to the United States Capitol to be honored;

(3) urges the President to—

(A) recognize the achievements of the West Oahu Little League Team from Ewa Beach; and

(B) invite the team to the White House for an appropriate ceremony honoring a world championship team; and

(4) directs the Secretary of the Senate to—

(A) make available enrolled copies of this resolution to the West Oahu Little League Team for appropriate display.

COMMEMORATION OF THE OAHU ALL-STARS AND THE HAWAII WARRIORS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 249, which was submitted earlier today by Senator AKAKA.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 249) commemorating the Oahu All-Stars for winning the 2005 Cal Ripken World Series and the Hawaii Warriors for winning the 2005 Continental Amateur Baseball Association World Series, ages 9-under.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and that any statements relating to this measure be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 249) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 249

Whereas on August 21, 2005, the Oahu All-Stars won the 2005 Cal Ripken World Series;

Whereas the team from Oahu worked together in the 1 hit shutout title game to beat the series reigning champs, Team Mexico;

Whereas the manager and coaching staff, Gerald Oda, Keith Oda, and Staphe Fujimoto, respectively, had the ability to instill 14 boys from Oahu with the confidence and skills needed to succeed in a world competition;

Whereas Kewby Meyer was named the Most Outstanding Player in the series;

Whereas Kewby Meyer, Timmy Arakawa, Gavin Okada, and Kalani Lagoc-Crawford were named to the 2005 United States All World Series Team and Kash Kalohelani, Ryan Cortez, and Ryan Yamane were named to the 2005 All Defensive Team;

Whereas on August 5, 2005, the Hawaii Warriors won the 2005 Continental Amateur Baseball Association World Series (ages 9-under) championship game;

Whereas the team battled from behind in the final innings of the championship game to beat the Cincinnati Flames and complete the series with a perfect 9-0 record; and

Whereas all of the teams' players showed tremendous dedication throughout their tournaments toward the goal of winning World Series Championships and displayed great class and sportsmanship in victory: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends the Oahu All-Stars for winning the 2005 Cal Ripken World Series title game and the Hawaii Warriors for winning the 2005 Continental Amateur Baseball Association World Series (ages 9-under);

(2) recognizes the achievements of all the teams' players, coaches, and support staff, and invites them to the United States Capitol to be honored;

(3) urges the President to—

(A) recognize the achievements of the Oahu All-Star team and the Hawaii Warriors team; and

(B) invite the teams to the White House for an appropriate ceremony honoring these world championship teams; and

(4) directs the Secretary of the Senate to—

(A) make available enrolled copies of this resolution to the Oahu All-Star team and the Hawaii Warriors team for appropriate display.

GOALS AND IDEALS OF GOLD STAR MOTHERS' DAY

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 250, which was submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 250) supporting the goals and ideals of Gold Star Mothers' Day.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 250) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 250

Whereas the American Gold Star Mothers have suffered the supreme sacrifice of motherhood by losing sons and daughters who served in the Armed Forces, and thus perpetuate the memory of all whose lives were sacrificed in our wars;

Whereas the American Gold Star Mothers assist veterans of the Armed Forces and their dependents in the presentation of claims to the Veterans' Administration, and aid the men and women who served and died or were wounded or incapacitated during hostilities;

Whereas the services rendered to the United States by the mothers of America have strengthened and inspired our Nation throughout our history;

Whereas we honor ourselves and the mothers of America when we revere and emphasize the role of the home and the family as the true foundations of our Nation;

Whereas by doing so much for the home, the American mother is a source of moral and spiritual guidance for the people of the United States and thus acts as a positive force to promote good government and peace among all mankind; and

Whereas September 25, 2005, is being recognized as Gold Star Mothers Day: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of Gold Star Mothers Day; and

(2) calls on the people of the United States to observe such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS

AMENDMENTS NOS. 1870 AND 1871

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, notwithstanding passage of H.R. 2528, I ask unanimous consent that the two amendments at the desk be agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendments (Nos. 1870 and 1871) were agreed to, as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 1870

On page 55, line 4, strike "\$191,393,000" and insert "\$179,343,000".

On page 55, line 10, following "therefor", strike "." and insert ": Provided further, That of the amount provided for Military Construction, Army, \$8,900,000 shall be available for Phase 1a of a Permanent Party Barracks at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and \$3,150,000 shall be available for an Airfield Fire Station at Fort Sill, Oklahoma."

AMENDMENT NO. 8171

On page 56, line 11, strike "\$103,347,000" and insert "\$83,626,000".

On page 56, line 17, following "therefor", strike "." and insert ": Provided further, That of the amount provided for Military Construction, Air Force, \$5,721,000 shall be available for a B-2 Conventional Munitions Storage Facility at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, and \$14,000,000 for Phase 1 of Force Protection Enhancement at Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma."

GOALS AND IDEALS OF INFANT MORTALITY AWARENESS MONTH

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the HELP Committee be discharged from further consideration and that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 239.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 239) supporting the goals and ideals of Infant Mortality Awareness Month.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 239) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 239

Whereas infant mortality refers to the death of a baby before it reaches its first birthday;

Whereas the United States ranks 28th among industrialized nations in the rate of infant mortality;

Whereas in the United States, infant mortality increased in 2002, for the first time in more than 4 decades;

Whereas in 2002 the rate reached 7 deaths per 1,000 live births, which was the first increase since 1958;

Whereas the recent increase is a significant and troubling public health issue, especially for African American families, Native American families, and Hispanic families;

Whereas the infant mortality rate among African American women is more than double that of Caucasian women, according to a report produced by the National Healthy Start Association and by a related group supported by the health department of Allegheny County, in the State of Pennsylvania;

Whereas the Secretary of Health and Human Services has designated 2010, as the year by which certain objectives should be met with respect to the health status of the people of the United States;

Whereas such objectives, known as Healthy People 2010, include an objective regarding a decrease in the rate of infant mortality;

Whereas September 1, 2005, is the beginning of a period of several months during which there will be several national observances that relate to the issue of infant mortality, including the observance of October as Sudden Infant Death Awareness Month and November as Prematurity Awareness Month; and

Whereas it would be appropriate to observe September 2005, as Infant Mortality Awareness Month: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate supports the goals and ideals of Infant Mortality Awareness Month in order to—

(1) increase national awareness of infant mortality and its contributing factors; and

(2) facilitate activities that will assist local communities in their efforts to meet the objective, as established by the Secretary of Health and Human Service in Healthy People 2010, that the rate of infant mortality in the United States be reduced to a rate of not more than 4.5 infant deaths per 1,000 births.

MEASURE STAR PRINTED—S. 1692

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that S. 1692, the Emergency Agricultural Disaster Assistance Act of 2005, be star-printed with the changes at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 1745 AND S. 1748

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I understand there are two bills at the desk due for a second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is correct. The clerk will please read the titles of the bills for the second time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1745) to expand the availability of resources under the Community Services