

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. OSBORNE. Mr. Speaker, this last month, former Congresswoman Virginia Smith died in Sun City, Arizona, at the age of 94. She served the Third District of Nebraska for 16 years through eight terms. It is a very large district. It covers 80 percent of the State of Nebraska, with 69 counties and 64,000 square miles. She and her husband, Haven, drove county to county, city to city, weekend after weekend; and there was no one who was more faithful in covering that area and being loyal and faithful to her constituents than Virginia Smith.

She served on the Appropriations Committee for several years and was responsible for an animal research center in Clay Center, Nebraska, which really is of worldwide renown. She was tenacious, she was aggressive, and she was very strong in constituent services. Nebraska was very well served by Virginia Smith, and she will be greatly missed.

THE PRESIDENT'S BUDGET

(Mr. PRICE of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, last week, in this Chamber, the President shared with the American people a reasoned and measured agenda for the future, an agenda that will lead us to meet the challenges of today and seize the opportunity of tomorrow.

The issues that the President addressed are not just his concerns; they are not just Republican concerns. They are the concerns of the American people. We must provide for the reform of our health care system that fixes the problems, not bandages them up, immigration reform that respects our sovereignty, and embrace a policy that will result in energy independence.

The American people want leadership. They want direction, and they want to know that their government is working for them, protecting them and providing a framework that preserves the ideal of the pursuit of happiness for all.

We in Congress have an obligation to our citizens and to the great history of our Nation to provide leadership that is equal to the task at hand. Our Nation, its security, its vitality, its health care and its livelihood depend on it. I urge all of my colleagues to embrace this responsibility together.

ADULT STEM CELL ADVANCES

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, there has been a lot of news coming from the field of stem cell research lately, but it is all just a new variation on an old theme: Ethical or "adult stem cell" re-

search is working. Research that kills embryos, embryonic stem cell research, is not. While embryonic stem cell research's leading scientist has been disgraced for his research fabrications, adult stem cell researchers are announcing new breakthroughs.

One research group recently announced the development of a machine capable of taking adult stem cells from fat tissue and adapting them to treat other tissue damaged by heart disease and heart attacks. In a different study released recently, researchers have been able to turn adult muscle stem cells into cartilage, and in animal studies this regenerated cartilage has been used to treat damage caused by arthritis.

These studies add to the ever-growing list of treatments and cures that come from noncontroversial adult stem cells. Meanwhile, stem cell research involving the destruction of human embryos continues to be plagued by tumors, rejection, and research scandals. As we address this issue this year, we would do well to keep this in mind, what is working and what is not.

ADOPT HEALTH IT ACT

(Mr. GINGREY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise President Bush for his State of the Union remarks on health information technology, which he rightly noted will help control costs and reduce dangerous medical errors.

I would also like to encourage my colleagues to support health IT legislation that I have introduced, H.R. 4641, the ADOPT HIT Act.

Consider this: I can go to Antarctica and get cash from an ATM without a glitch, but should I fall ill during my travels, a hospital there could not access my medical records or know what medications I am on.

Right now the health care sector is woefully behind in using modern technology to reduce errors and save money, and that is why I introduced H.R. 4641. It provides increased tax breaks for physicians who invest in new health information technology.

As a physician, I know many doctors want to utilize new technology, but they find the cost prohibitive. Doctors will be more likely to adopt this technology if our Tax Code helps offset the substantial initial cost. By adopting the ADOPT HIT Act, by passing that act, we can move one step closer to a health care system that saves time, money and, most importantly, lives.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GINGREY) laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 8, 2006.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on February 8, 2006, at 9:30 a.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4636.

That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 69
With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk of the House.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the Speaker signed the following enrolled bill on Tuesday, February 7, 2006:

S. 1932, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 202(a) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006 (H. Con. Res. 95).

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on the Budget:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 8, 2006.

DEAR SPEAKER HASTERT: I respectfully resign my seat on the House Budget Committee effective immediately. Thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to serve on this important committee.

Sincerely,

ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.
There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

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CONGRATULATING THE PITTSBURGH STEELERS FOR WINNING SUPER BOWL XL

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 670) congratulating the National Football League champion Pittsburgh Steelers for winning Super Bowl XL and completing one of the

greatest postseason runs in professional sports history.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 670

Whereas the Pittsburgh Steelers won Super Bowl XL by defeating the Seattle Seahawks 21–10 in Detroit, Michigan, on February 5, 2006;

Whereas, with this victory, the Pittsburgh Steelers franchise has tied the San Francisco 49ers and the Dallas Cowboys for the most Super Bowl championships in National Football League history with 5 each;

Whereas the Steelers became the first 6th-seed in the playoffs to not only reach the Super Bowl, but to win the Super Bowl;

Whereas the Steelers closed their season by winning 8 consecutive games, including the Super Bowl, and became the first team to win 3 playoff games and the Super Bowl away from their home field;

Whereas the Steelers' path to the championship required defeating the top 3 teams in the American Football Conference—the Cincinnati Bengals, the Indianapolis Colts and the Denver Broncos—at their respective home fields;

Whereas finally, in the Super Bowl, the Steelers faced and overcame the National Football Conference champion Seahawks and the year's Most Valuable Player in the National Football League, Shaun Alexander;

Whereas team owner Dan Rooney and team president Art Rooney II, the son and grandson, respectively, of Pittsburgh Steelers' founder Art Rooney, have remarkable loyalty to Steelers fans and the City of Pittsburgh, and have assembled a tremendous team of coaches, players, and staff that made achieving the championship victory possible;

Whereas head coach Bill Cowher won his first Super Bowl in 14 seasons of leading the Pittsburgh Steelers, and brought the Vince Lombardi Trophy back to his hometown of Pittsburgh;

Whereas defensive coordinator Dick LeBeau orchestrated a defensive unit including stars Troy Polamalu, Deshaea Townsend, Chris Hope, Ike Taylor, Joey Porter, Larry Foote, Clark Haggans, James Farrior, Kimo von Oelhoffen, Aaron Smith, and Casey Hampton, that personified the blue-collar work ethic of Pittsburghers;

Whereas offensive coordinator Ken Whisenhunt's creativity and attention to detail helped the Steelers' offense, featuring starters Ben Roethlisberger—the youngest starting quarterback ever to win a Super Bowl—Dan Kreider, Willie Parker, Heath Miller, Max Starks, Kendall Simmons, Jeff Hartings, Alan Faneca, Marvel Smith, and Antwaan Randle El, to take the team to unexpected success;

Whereas the Most Valuable Player of the Super Bowl, Hines Ward, led the offense during the championship game by catching 5 passes for 123 yards and 1 touchdown;

Whereas running back Jerome Bettis, one of the National Football League's all-time leading rushers, returned to his hometown of Detroit to win his first Super Bowl, and then announced his retirement following the game;

Whereas the Steeler Nation is comprised of the greatest fans in professional football; and

Whereas for 73 years, the people of the City of Pittsburgh have seen themselves in the grit, tenacity, and achievement of the Pittsburgh Steelers franchise, and they proudly celebrate the team's 5th Super Bowl championship: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives congratulates the National Football League champion Pittsburgh Steelers for winning Super Bowl XL and completing one

of the greatest postseason runs in professional sports history.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GINGREY). Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX).

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. FOXX. 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 gentlewoman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 670, offered by the distinguished gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MURPHY), would congratulate the Pittsburgh Steelers on winning the 2006 National Football League title.

For the city of Pittsburgh, winning Super Bowl XL filled its residents with pride, the kind of pride that is only shared with two other teams in history. The Pittsburgh Steelers have joined the ranks of the elite. Only the San Francisco 49ers, the Dallas Cowboys, and now the Steelers have succeeded in winning five Super Bowl titles.

The Steelers had one of the most impressive runs through the postseason in NFL history by claiming victory as a sixth seed, having to play three consecutive games away from home. In doing so, the Steelers beat the top three teams in the AFC: the Cincinnati Bengals, the Indianapolis Colts, and finally the Denver Broncos. However, these contests seemed far in the past on February 5 as they geared up to tackle the Seattle Seahawks for the NFL title. In a fight to the end, the Steelers claimed the victory of 21–10 and clinched, surprisingly, the first Super Bowl win for each and every member of the team.

I urge all Members to come together to honor the Pittsburgh Steelers in overcoming the odds to become the champions of the National Football League.

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

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

On February 5, 2006, the Pittsburgh Steelers beat the odds as they defeated the Seattle Seahawks to win “one for the thumb” by becoming only the third team in National Football League history to take a fifth Super Bowl championship home to its fans.

The greatest tribute to possibly the most loyal fans in professional football is a franchise and owners who have great respect for the hometown. The

Rooney family has owned the Steelers from the beginning and is respected throughout professional football as being among the most honorable, ethical, and successful owners in the history of the game. It is no surprise that the Steelers are one of the most beloved sporting franchises in the country, and you would be hard pressed to find a community in this vast land that does not claim at least a few avid Steelers fans.

Despite the support of the fans and the Rooney family, the Steelers' eventual Super Bowl championship was far from a foregone conclusion. Going into their December 11 game against Chicago, the Steelers were faced with the reality that they would have to win their four remaining games to have any chance of making the playoffs. Coach Bill Cowher inspired his players to win those four games and to win three more games on the road to the Super Bowl. Of course, all Chicagoans were disheartened when the Chicago Bears gave them the impetus that they needed to be successful.

These victories were not only impressive; they were achieved as the team traveled the most difficult road any team has traveled to a Super Bowl championship in the 40-year history of the championship game. When the team arrived in Detroit, the Steelers still had to contend with the best team in the National Football Conference, the Seattle Seahawks. The Seahawks came into the game with the most prolific offense in the NFL. They scored the most points during the regular season and featured the NFL's Most Valuable Player as their starting running back.

Despite these challenges and many predictions to the contrary, the Steelers walked away champions and the first sixth-seeded team to win the Super Bowl. They add this Super Bowl victory to the many great moments that have made up the storied 73-year history of the Steelers franchise.

I certainly take this opportunity to congratulate the Pittsburgh Steelers on their against-all-odds accomplishment and Super Bowl victory. I encourage the House to adopt H. Res. 670.

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, before I yield to my colleague from Pennsylvania, I want to note that Willie Parker, who is an alum of my alma matter, UNC Chapel Hill, had the longest run in Super Bowl history, and I want to congratulate him on that.

Mr. Speaker, I yield as much time as he may consume to my distinguished colleague from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (Mr. MURPHY).

Mr. MURPHY. The super Steelers, Mr. Speaker, are super again. And as Myron Cope would say, yoi and double yoi. For Sunday night, the Steelers won Super Bowl XL, otherwise in town we call it Super Bowl extra large, over the Seattle Seahawks by a score of 21–10.

This monumental win was the fifth National Football League championship for the Steelers franchise, tied now for the most in pro football history. And as we say in the 'Burgh, this win signified one for the thumb as it provided Pittsburgh with a fifth championship ring for their last finger on the city's collective hand.

The amazing Steelers finished their season by winning their final eight games, including the Super Bowl. And when the Steelers had a 7-5 record during the regular season, it looked like they might miss the playoffs completely unless they won each of their final four regular season games. But this team, like this city, does not give up. And the fans of the Steeler nation never give up on them. So the Steelers won their final four games. Then after clinching the sixth and final AFC playoff seed, the Steelers became the first team to win three road playoff games and then the Super Bowl.

And they were confronted with the toughest possible road to get there. The Steelers had to beat the top three teams in the AFC, the Cincinnati Bengals, the Indianapolis Colts and the Denver Broncos, each on their respective home fields.

No other team ever did this. No sixth-seeded playoff team ever made it to the Super Bowl. But then again, no other team is the Pittsburgh Steelers.

In the Super Bowl the Steelers faced the mighty Seattle Seahawks who possessed the highest scoring offense in the league, the NFL Most Valuable Player, running back Shaun Alexander. The Steelers' dominant defense, however, led by Troy Polamalu and Joey Porter limited the prolific Seahawks to just 10 points.

The Steelers offense was led by Super Bowl MVP Hines Ward who is here on the cover of the Tribune Review.

Mr. Speaker, you might be interested to know, as you probably already do, that Hines Ward is a graduate from the University of Georgia. He caught five passes for 123 yards and one touchdown which was thrown by wide receiver Antwaan Randle-El on a classic reverse pass.

Running back Willie Parker scored a Super Bowl record 75-yard run. Quarterback Ben Roethlisberger started the scoring with the second-quarter touchdown, was also known as having that play called the "tackle against the Colts," which kept the Steelers' dream alive.

This was a remarkable fifth Super Bowl victory for a team that personifies grit, tenacity, and excellence with the city of Pittsburgh and members of the Steeler nation from around the world. It was a particularly great accomplishment for a team that was originally purchased by founder Art Rooney in 1933 for \$2,500. At that time the Steelers were one of 10 charter members of the National Football League.

Today, the Steelers are operated by team owner Dan Rooney, his son and

team president Art Rooney II, all from the offspring of Art Rooney.

Congratulations also go to head coach Bill Cowher who finally made it to the top of the mountain, as Dan Rooney says, for this win of the Vince Lombardi Trophy to bring it back to his hometown of Pittsburgh.

I know every coach from defensive coordinator Dick LeBeau, offensive coordinator Ken Whisenhunt, to the training staff and every front office staff member is reveling in this win, as they should.

Congratulations to running back and fan favorite Jerome Bettis. The Bus, the fifth leading rusher in NFL history, went out on top in story-book fashion, winning his first Super Bowl in his hometown of Detroit in the final game of his 13-year career. The Steelers kept their promise to him and brought him back to his hometown.

And finally, congratulations to the millions of Steelers fans from throughout the world that make up the Steeler nation. They were there, we were there at every home game and every away game, every household waving our terrible towels here. When I was over in Iraq and I was over in Afghanistan, there they were with their Myron Cope official terrible towels as well. They were there 250,000 strong at a parade Monday in Pittsburgh to welcome the team back. The fans were there over the years, thick and thin, like the Steelers, believing in the best, always strong, never satisfied with just being there. And now, as Dan Rooney has said, now that we have one for the thumb and the ring let us start on the next hand. Congratulations to the super Steelers, and let us make it another one for the next hand next year.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to an avid patron of the game, the gentleman from American Samoa (Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA).

(Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support House Resolution 670, congratulating the Pittsburgh Steelers for winning Super Bowl XL in Detroit, Michigan. On February 5, 2006, the Pittsburgh Steelers defeated the Seattle Seahawks by a score of 21-10. And by winning their impressive fifth Super Bowl, the Steelers tied the Dallas Cowboys and the San Francisco 49ers in the record books for the most Super Bowl championship wins in NFL history.

On Super Bowl Sunday, the Pittsburgh Steelers exemplified their blue-collar style of play that represents the great city of Pittsburgh. The Steelers completed the successful season utilizing their resilient defense and tenacious defense. They accomplished a tremendous feat by being the fourth wildcard playoff team to ever win a Super Bowl especially after defeating the top teams of the Cincinnati Bengals, the Indianapolis Colts, and the Denver Broncos.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I also want to congratulate the efforts of the Seattle Seahawks for making it to the Super Bowl after going through a very tough season.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to personally congratulate the efforts of the seven Asian Pacific Americans who are Polynesians and were participants in this year's Super Bowl: Lota Tatupu, Itula Mili, Wayne Hunter of the Seattle Seahawks and Troy Polamalu, Shaun Nua, Chris Kemoeatu and Kimo von Oelhoffen of the Pittsburgh Steelers. I want to emphasize how much they have accomplished in life by overcoming such a great feat in succeeding in the National Football League.

It is also interesting to note, Mr. Speaker, that from a population of approximately 300 million of our fellow Americans, there are 600,000 Polynesians living in the United States today of Tongan, native Hawaiian and Samoan descent; and 35 currently play in the National Football League. It is interesting to know that of the 35 players that currently play in the National Football League, Mr. Speaker, 24 are Samoans, four Tongans and seven Native Hawaiians.

It is amazing, Mr. Speaker, that from a population, as I noted earlier, in our country today that out of this 35 and interesting to note too that the 24 Samoans who currently play in the NFL, five are high school graduates from my humble district of American Samoa. And of the 24 Samoans that currently play in the NFL, Mr. Speaker, five are graduates from my alma mater, my humble high school Kahuku High School in Hawaii. And, Mr. Speaker, I want to especially commend my fellow Samoan, Pittsburgh Steeler player Troy Polamalu, and fellow Native Hawaiian Kimo von Oelhoffen for their outstanding performance at the Super Bowl. I also want to commend my fellow Samoan, linebacker with the Seattle Seahawks, Lota Tatupu. Again, I offer my congratulations to the Pittsburgh Steelers for winning their fifth Super Bowl game.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I yield as much time as she may consume to my distinguished colleague from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (Ms. HART).

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I also rise in support of House Resolution 670 as a native Pittsburgher and still a Pittsburgher. I am fortunate to represent six of the counties around Pittsburgh and many Steeler fans.

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It is with great honor that I stand here today to salute my hometown Super Bowl XL champion Pittsburgh Steelers. In fact, they won their first four Super Bowls when I was much younger, and the chant I have heard most of my life is, "Let's win one for the thumb." Arguably, that is what we did on Sunday. They won their first four Super Bowls, though, with a very different team than the team that they

won with this year, but in a lot of ways the teams are related.

First, the same owners have continued to be the owners of the Steelers from the very beginning. I salute the Rooney family, Art Rooney, Art Rooney II, for their dedication to this team; the entire Steelers organization, which has been committed to this team like the owners of no other professional football organization. In fact, I think they have been more committed to this team than any other pro sports ownership family.

I also rise to congratulate the team, especially Jerome Bettis, also known as the "Bus," for achieving a much deserved championship. Few could write a storybook ending as good as the one provided for Jerome Bettis. Jerome is a consummate professional and a refreshing example of what an athlete should be, even taking pay cuts over the last 2 years just to be a part of his beloved Steelers team to help them win their Super Bowl championship.

I also want to thank the city of Detroit, Jerome Bettis' hometown, where he got to win his Super Bowl ring. It was almost like a home game for everyone that watched the game, watching the Terrible Towels in the stands. The Steelers clearly felt very much at home.

Like Detroit, Pittsburgh is a football town. Our Steelers have been a source of identity and cohesion for a community that has gone through ups and downs in recent years. In the good times and in bad, though, the Steelers have always been a uniting force for the people of the Pittsburgh region.

I congratulate our young quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, who played even through a broken thumb toward the end of the season in some very tough games to come out on top.

I also congratulate the Most Valuable Player, Hines Ward, who received that award very deservedly. My mom identified him as the Most Valuable Player by the end of the first half.

There is a whole list of wonderful coaches, but I especially want to congratulate my constituent Coach Bill Cowher for finally being able to hoist the Vince Lombardi trophy after 14 seasons as head coach of the Steelers, where he maintains the distinction of being the longest-tenured head coach in the league and ranks fourth amongst active coaches in wins and winning percentage. He is a committed coach and family man. And all Bill Cowher wanted to do when they handed him the Lombardi trophy was to share it with Dan Rooney, the Steelers' owner.

Finally and most importantly of all, I salute the city of Pittsburgh and the fans of "Steelers Nation." For those who are not aware of it, you are probably aware of it now. Steelers Nation extends from coast to coast and around the world. Unfortunately, because we had tough economic times, a lot of Pittsburghers do not live in Pittsburgh anymore, but they are all still Steeler fans. And after this weekend, there is

really no question why. The grittiness, the strength, the cohesion, the humility, all the things that make Pittsburghers so wonderful translate very well into what these folks are around the country: committed, dedicated hometown people.

It is an honor to salute this team. They have overcome the longest odds in history to win the Super Bowl. They had their backs up against the wall, but they showed that Pittsburgh grit and that Pittsburgh tenacity, and I am really honored to be a Pittsburgher, especially today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I will simply reiterate my congratulations to both Seattle and to Pittsburgh and suggest that next year I hope to see the Chicago Bears here. But if not, then we congratulate these two outstanding teams.

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the distinguished gentleman from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (Mr. SHUSTER).

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from North Carolina for yielding.

First I want to start off by saying thank you to the city of Detroit for hosting the Super Bowl. I attended the Super Bowl with my 14-year-old son, and I can tell you it felt like we were in Pittsburgh. Not only were there Terrible Towels everywhere, but the weather felt like Pittsburgh weather, cold blustery weather. So I thank Detroit for making us feel so welcome and so at home, and thanks for ordering up that western Pennsylvania weather for us.

But I rise today to congratulate the Pittsburgh Steelers on an incredible season, an exciting road through the playoffs and a fantastic Super Bowl victory. I want to applaud the hard work of everybody on the team. They deserve that applause and respect.

I also want to congratulate the entire Rooney family. They are a great football family, and today they carry that tradition not just as one of the founding families of the National Football League, but as one of the leading families in western Pennsylvania who continue to give back to their community.

I would also like to take this opportunity to highlight the hard work and dedication and achievement of one of the unsung heroes of the Pittsburgh Steelers, and that is Coach Dick Hoak. Dick Hoak's name is not a household name, but he is one of the keys to the success of the Steelers over the years. Dick Hoak is the longest-tenured coach in NFL history, I might add. For the last 35 years, he has been a fixture on the Steelers sidelines and on the practice fields. In 1992, Bill Cowher named him the running backs coach, and he was the only coach retained from the

previous staff. Over his 13 seasons under Cowher, Hoak's backfield has been able to compile over 28,000 rushing yards, which is the most in the NFL, and puts the Steelers alone at the top again as the only team to surpass the 28,000 rushing yard threshold.

Hoak's history with the Steelers started even earlier, though, growing up in the shadows of Pittsburgh in Jeannette, Pennsylvania. In 1961, he was the Steelers seventh-round draft pick as a Nittany Lion from Penn State. He went on to spend 10 seasons in Pittsburgh's backfield, earning a spot on the Pro-Bowl. Dick has been producing for the Steelers for over 45 years.

This Super Bowl victory is a great accomplishment for all those involved, and we are proud of our Steelers. Western Pennsylvanians can be proud of their native son Dick Hoak. And I know of three little guys who are especially proud of Dick Hoak, and they are my nephews and Dick Hoak's grandsons, Michael, Jonathan, and Daniel Shuster. Now they can all look to their grandfather, and he can literally put five rings on that one hand and get ready for the sixth one next year, because Dick Hoak literally does have five Super Bowl rings and one for the thumb.

So to the Steelers organization, congratulations. We are all very proud of everybody on that team and in the organization.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the distinguished gentleman from the State of Ohio (Mr. OXLEY).

(Mr. OXLEY asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, some folks may wonder why I am up here with the distinguished delegation from the Pittsburgh area, and that deserves some explanation.

The fine young quarterback for the Steelers, who became the youngest quarterback to win a Super Bowl, Ben Roethlisberger, is from my hometown of Findlay and also a graduate of Miami University, my alma mater, the cradle of coaches. And we are very proud of Ben's accomplishments, not only what he has meant to Findlay and our community and to the State of Ohio, Miami University, and the great record that he had at Miami, but, of course, now with Pittsburgh. There are a lot of Cleveland Browns fans who are very frustrated about the fact that the Browns chose one before Pittsburgh, the Browns chose somebody else besides the native son of Ohio, and the winner of that, of course, was Pittsburgh and the Steelers, and they stand to gain by winning a fantastic Super Bowl.

So I want to thank my good friend Congressman MURPHY for adding me as a cosponsor to this legislation, making me part of this great celebration, and truly honor this fine young man who is such a great role model for the kids in

Findlay and Pittsburgh and really all over the country to show that a classy young guy at 23 can lead a distinguished team to a Super Bowl victory. It is an honor to be here and to bask in the glory, really, of the team, the coaching staff, the Rooney family, and, of course, the great contribution that this 23-year-old young man from Findlay, Ohio and Miami University made, Ben Roethlisberger. Congratulations to all.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I yield the balance of my time to the distinguished gentleman from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (Mr. MURPHY).

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding to me, allowing me to wrap up here.

As we congratulate this new generation of Steelers who we are excited about, it is a good time to also remember those who got us so many memories in the past: Terry Bradshaw; Lynn Swann; Joe Greene; Franco Harris; Blount; Lambert; Wagner; and, of course, the great coach Chuck Noll. They built a team, along with the Rooney's, in which the dynasty was set. And it is an exciting time for Pittsburgh to celebrate, Pittsburghers and everywhere around the world in the Steelers Nation to celebrate the new generation of Steelers. As a Congress we take our hats off to all of the NFL players who work so hard and maintain that tenacity and dignity on and off the field and show what America is about.

As I talked to soldiers overseas and saw Steelers banners hanging there as well as many other NFL banners, it was always fascinating for me to see how people from overseas still clung to the hopes that their hometown teams gave them. Indeed, it is a message that goes to people all throughout the world for the Steelers Nation of what it means to be a team that was counted down and out but ended up on top. It is something of a lesson we can all remember as Americans of what this great team, the Super Steelers, have taught us.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to support H. Res. 670, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GINGREY). The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 670.

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. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

HATTIE CARAWAY STATION

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4456) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2404 Race Street in Jonesboro, Arkansas, as the "Hattie Caraway Station," as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 4456

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

SECTION 1. HATTIE W. CARAWAY STATION.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2404 Race Street in Jonesboro, Arkansas, shall be known and designated as the "Hattie W. Caraway Station".

(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 "Hattie W. Caraway Station".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX).

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. FOXX. 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 bill under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 4456, offered by the distinguished gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. BERRY), would designate the post office building in Jonesboro, Arkansas, as the "Hattie Caraway Station." All members of the Arkansas delegation have cosponsored this legislation.

Hattie Wyatt Caraway was born on February 1, 1878, near Bakerville, Tennessee. After marrying her husband Thaddeus Caraway, the couple moved on to Jonesboro, Arkansas, where Thaddeus started his political career by being elected into the U.S. House of Representatives. He served as a Democrat in the House from 1912 until 1921, when he successfully ran for the Senate. He served in that capacity until he passed away in 1931.

In the same year, Arkansas Governor Harvey Parnell appointed Hattie Caraway to serve out the rest of her late husband's term. She was confirmed by a special election on January 12, 1932, becoming the first woman elected to the United States Senate.

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While serving as a Senator in 1933, Caraway became the first woman to

chair a Senate committee; and in 1943, she became the first woman to take up the gavel on the Senate floor as the Senate's presiding officer.

When Caraway was defeated in her reelection efforts in 1944 by William Fulbright, her fellow Senators honored her with a standing ovation on the Senate floor. Her service to our country did not go unnoticed, and her groundbreaking accomplishments paved the way for women everywhere. At this time in our history, women had won the right to vote only 25 years earlier.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring this courageous woman who helped shape our Nation's history by passing H.R. 4456.

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

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to yield such time as he might consume to the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. BERRY), the sponsor of this legislation.

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I think it is fitting and proper that we are here today to proceed with naming a post office in Jonesboro, Arkansas, for Senator Hattie Caraway. She obviously was the first to do a lot of things.

She was the first woman ever elected to the United States Senate in her own right. She was the first woman to chair a Senate committee, the first woman to take up the gavel on the Senate floor.

She was said to be called "Silent Hattie" by her colleagues in the Senate; and when asked why she avoided making speeches, and those of us that serve in this distinguished body I am sure can identify with this, she said, "The men have left nothing unsaid."

She might have gotten very tired sometimes of hearing it said over and over again, but she served with great distinction, not only the State of Arkansas but this wonderful Nation that we all represent, and broke the way for many people to do some good things.

She also was said to drink a beer occasionally, but she would never fill the glass higher than what her hand reached. I guess to be sure that she did not have too much. I think that is an interesting fact that has been included in the information about Senator Caraway.

She was a resident of Jonesboro, Arkansas, for nearly 50 years. She reared her family there, attended church, and actively participated in the Jonesboro community and civic organizations. Her husband, of course, was a United States Senator and was responsible for getting the post office set up on the Arkansas State University campus. The Caraways were great friends with V.C. Kays, the founding president of Arkansas State University. One year at Christmas, when Thad was dressed as Santa, Hattie supposedly jokingly locked him out of the party.

She made history again recently by becoming the first Arkansan to ever appear on a stamp. On February 21,