

to keep us busy, it did not seem. There were plenty of activities in the summer to keep us active; and when we were in school during the year, there were activities to keep us active.

But nowadays it seems it is very difficult to keep children active in sports-related activities unless those are around organized activities. As the grandparent of two who are involved in lots of activities themselves, I see very much the benefits to them from being involved in baseball and in basketball and in Kung Fu and other things that teach them skills that will be useful to them all their lives, including team-building skills.

It is very important, I think, that we keep our young people active and that we do all that we can to help them fight against the trends toward obesity that we are seeing in our culture and the trends toward inactivity, with children being drawn to watching television and playing on computers instead of getting outside and being involved in great activities that could help them in all manners of their lives.

So I very much support this resolution, and I urge all Members to support the adoption of H. Res. 826.

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 826, legislation to designate the second week of July as "National Youth Sports Week."

Many thanks to the cochair of the Youth Sports Caucus, Congressman KENNY HULSHOF, and all of the Members of the Youth Sports Caucus for their work on this bill.

Additionally, I would also like to thank the Government Reform Committee, particularly Chairman DAVIS and Ranking Member WAXMAN for their swift support in bringing this bill to the House floor.

Having coached youth sports for 7 years as a volunteer coach in my hometown of Lumberton, NC, I recently created the Congressional Caucus on Youth Sports in response to the release of the first-ever Report Card on Youth Sports in America.

The report card, compiled by the Citizenship Through Sports Alliance, revealed alarming deficiencies in child-centered philosophy, coaching, health and safety, officiating and parental behavior and involvement in youth sports in America.

Youth sports are the largest youth organization in the United States. In fact, more than 42 million children play sports each year with tens of thousands of volunteers, parents, coaches, and officials joining in to help.

Therefore, we must ensure that our Nation's children have a positive experience playing youth sports, and we must restore the focus of youth sports on character development.

The benefits of children's involvement in youth sports go far beyond the playing field. Children who participate in organized sports tend to achieve better results in school, develop excellent interpersonal skills and increased self-esteem.

During my years as a youth sports coach with my sons, Joshua and Stephen, I saw the positive impact of sports on our youth and in our community, as well as in other communities. I know first-hand the positive impact youth sports have had on my life growing up and not only on my sons' lives but also on the

lives of countless other young people—both boys and girls—across America.

H. Res. 826 raises awareness about the important and long-term physical and emotion benefits of participating in youth sports and the need to promote sportsmanship among players, parents, coaches and officials.

This bill is supported by the Citizenship Through Sports Alliance, Positive Coaching Alliance, and the National Recreation and Park Association. The month of July has been designated by the National Recreation and Park Association as Parks and Recreation month, and the second week of July to celebrate youth sports would complement this celebration.

Please join me in passing this legislation and helping to ensure that our Nation's children reap the positive affects of involvement in youth sports, and that this crucial part of children's lives remains a source of enjoyment and character-building.

JUNE 19, 2006.

Re National Youth Sports Week Resolution (H. Res. 826)

Hon. MIKE MCINTYRE,

Rayburn House Office Building, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

I am writing this letter to offer you the full support and endorsement of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) as you seek passage of the National Youth Sports Week Resolution.

Public park and recreation agencies are the largest provider and facilitator of community based youth sport opportunities in America. Not only do park and recreation agencies provide instructional programs and coordinate youth sport leagues, they manage an estimated 500,000 facilities that are permitted to independent youth sport organizations to conduct their own programs and leagues. Public park and recreation agencies lead the way in identifying needs and offering solutions to improve youth sports. Our collective influence regarding public policy associated with quality sports, development of practice standards and leadership around improving the quality of youth sports reflect our commitment to the work of the Congressional Youth Sports Caucus.

Since 1998, the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) has engaged national partners and local park and recreation agencies to improve the quality of youth sports nationwide. NRPA partnerships have focused on expanding and improving programming in tennis, basketball, baseball, football as well as many other sports to increase participation among youth and adults.

NRPA was selected by Sports Illustrated in 2002 to celebrate its 50th Anniversary by designating one community in each state as the Sports Illustrated 50th Anniversary Sportstown. This nationwide competition attracted applications from 250 communities in all 50 states. The National Football League Youth Football Fund allowed us to take this project to the next level by engaging thirty-eight communities to demonstrate a new leadership model for improving the quality of youth sports.

At the conclusion of the demonstration project, NRPA launched the Sports Illustrated GOOD SPORTS™ initiative in 2005. Over 1,400 communities joined the initiative to improve youth sports through the following elements:

Teach life skills through sports;
Empower success among youth through sports;
Promote physical activity and healthy lifestyles through sports; and

Strengthen communities through youth sports.

NRPA brought our expertise in the field and our community perspective to assist in the development of the Citizenship through Sports Alliance's (CTSA) National Youth Sports Report Card. We recently moved this partnership forward by working with CTSA to conduct a Grassroots Report Card of Youth Sports in America in coordination with the Congressional Caucus on Youth Sports. We are currently assisting local community efforts to benchmark their grassroots report card against the national findings.

NRPA looks forward to collaborating with the Congressional Youth Sports Caucus to work in a bi-partisan fashion to promote the values of sportsmanship, civility, respect, health, safety, fun and physical activity among players and leaders, including coaches, parents and officials. We are pleased that the National Youth Sports Week will take place during the second week of July to coincide and compliment National Recreation and Parks month.

The leadership role of parks and recreation in advancing child-centered youth sports is increasingly evident. Convening community stakeholders and engaging partners to improve programs, policies and practices around all of youth sports is imperative. Park and recreation agencies sit at the crossroads of responsibility and opportunity to elevate the practice and to develop new standards for the benefit of all children. NRPA will continue to develop public policy recommendations to support the leadership role of parks and recreation to improve the quality of youth sports nationwide.

We applaud your leadership and dedication and that of the co-sponsors to the improvement of youth sports in America by designating a National Youth Sports Week.

Sincerely,

JOHN THORNER,
Executive Director,

*National Recreation and Park Assoc.,
Ashburn, VA.*

Ms. FOXX. I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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. 826.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

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.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 5 p.m.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 34 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 5 p.m.

□ 1700

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. EMERSON) at 5 p.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5631, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2007

Mr. COLE of Oklahoma, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 109-507) on the resolution (H. Res. 877) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5631) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

Postponed votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 5540, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 5504, by the yeas and nays;

H. Res. 826, by the yeas and nays.

The first and third electronic votes will be conducted as 15-minute votes. The second vote in the series will be a 5-minute vote.

SERGEANT JACOB DAN DONES POST OFFICE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 5540.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5540, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 306, nays 0, not voting 126, as follows:

[Roll No. 289]

YEAS—306

Ackerman	Bishop (NY)	Burton (IN)
Aderholt	Bishop (UT)	Butterfield
Allen	Blackburn	Calvert
Andrews	Blumenauer	Camp (MI)
Bachus	Blunt	Cantor
Baird	Boehlert	Capito
Baker	Boehner	Capuano
Baldwin	Bonilla	Cardin
Barrett (SC)	Bonner	Cardoza
Bartlett (MD)	Bono	Carson
Barton (TX)	Boren	Carter
Bass	Boswell	Case
Bean	Boustany	Castle
Becerra	Boyd	Chabot
Berkley	Bradley (NH)	Chandler
Berry	Brady (PA)	Chocola
Biggert	Brown-Waite,	Clyburn
Bilbray	Ginny	Coble
Bilirakis	Burgess	Cole (OK)

Conaway	Johnson, E. B.	Porter
Conyers	Johnson, Sam	Price (GA)
Cooper	Jones (NC)	Price (NC)
Costello	Kanjorski	Pryce (OH)
Cramer	Kaptur	Putnam
Crenshaw	Keller	Radanovich
Crowley	Kelly	Rahall
Cubin	Kennedy (RI)	Rehberg
Culberson	Kildee	Reyes
Cummings	Kind	Reynolds
Davis (IL)	King (IA)	Rogers (AL)
Davis (KY)	King (NY)	Rogers (KY)
Davis (TN)	Kingston	Rogers (MI)
Davis, Jo Ann	Kirk	Ross
Davis, Tom	Kline	Rothman
Deal (GA)	Knollenberg	Roybal-Allard
DeFazio	Kolbe	Royce
Delahunt	Kuhl (NY)	Ryan (OH)
DeLauro	LaHood	Ryan (WI)
Dent	Langevin	Ryun (KS)
Diaz-Balart, M.	Lantos	Sabo
Dicks	Larsen (WA)	Salazar
Dingell	Larson (CT)	Sánchez, Linda
Doggett	Latham	T.
Drake	LaTourette	Sanchez, Loretta
Dreier	Leach	Saxton
Duncan	Levin	Schakowsky
Edwards	Lewis (CA)	Schiff
Ehlers	Lewis (GA)	Schmitt
Emanuel	Lewis (KY)	Schwartz (PA)
Emerson	Linder	Schwarz (MI)
Engel	Lipinski	Scott (GA)
Eshoo	LoBiondo	Scott (VA)
Etheridge	Loftgren, Zoe	Serrano
Everett	Lowey	Sessions
Farr	Lucas	Shaw
Fattah	Lungren, Daniel	Sherman
Feeney	E.	Shuster
Ferguson	Lynch	Simmons
Filner	Mack	Simpson
Fitzpatrick (PA)	Markey	Skelton
Flake	Matheson	Slaughter
Foley	Matsui	Smith (NJ)
Forbes	McCarthy	Smith (TX)
Fortenberry	McCaul (TX)	Sodrel
Fossella	McCollum (MN)	Solis
Fox	McCotter	Spratt
Frank (MA)	McDermott	Stearns
Frelinghuysen	McGovern	Stupak
Garrett (NJ)	McHenry	Sullivan
Gerlach	McHugh	Sweeney
Gillmor	McIntyre	Tauscher
Gingrey	McKeon	Taylor (MS)
Gohmert	McMorris	Terry
Gonzalez	McNulty	Thomas
Goode	Meehan	Thompson (MS)
Goodlatte	Meek (FL)	Thornberry
Granger	Meeks (NY)	Tiahrt
Green, Al	Melancon	Tiberi
Green, Gene	Michaud	Tierney
Gutknecht	Millender-	Udall (NM)
Hall	McDonald	Upton
Harman	Miller (NC)	Van Hollen
Hart	Miller, Gary	Velázquez
Hastings (FL)	Miller, George	Walden (OR)
Hayes	Moran (VA)	Walsh
Hayworth	Murphy	Wamp
Hefley	Murtha	Wasserman
Higgins	Neugebauer	Schultz
Hinojosa	Ney	Watson
Hoekstra	Northup	Watt
Holden	Norwood	Weldon (FL)
Holt	Nunes	Weldon (PA)
Honda	Oberstar	Weller
Hooley	Obey	Westmoreland
Hoyer	Olver	Wexler
Hulshof	Owens	Whitfield
Hyde	Oxley	Wicker
Inlee	Pallone	Wilson (NM)
Issa	Pastor	Wilson (SC)
Jackson (IL)	Pearce	Wolf
Jackson-Lee	Peterson (MN)	Woolsey
(TX)	Petri	Wu
Johnson (CT)	Pitts	Young (AK)
Johnson (IL)	Poe	Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—126

Abercrombie	Brown (SC)	Davis (CA)
Akin	Brown, Corrine	Davis (FL)
Alexander	Buyer	DeGette
Baca	Campbell (CA)	Diaz-Balart, L.
Barrow	Cannon	Doolittle
Beauprez	Capps	Doyle
Berman	Carnahan	English (PA)
Bishop (GA)	Clay	Evans
Boozman	Cleaver	Ford
Boucher	Costa	Franks (AZ)
Brady (TX)	Cuellar	Gallegly
Brown (OH)	Davis (AL)	Gibbons

Gilchrest	McCrery	Regula
Gordon	McKinney	Reichert
Graves	Mica	Renzi
Green (WI)	Miller (FL)	Rohrabacher
Grijalva	Miller (MI)	Ros-Lehtinen
Gutierrez	Mollohan	Ruppersberger
Harris	Moore (KS)	Rush
Hastings (WA)	Moore (WI)	Sanders
Hensarling	Moran (KS)	Sensenbrenner
Herger	Musgrave	Shadegg
Herseth	Myrick	Shays
Hinchey	Nadler	Sherwood
Hobson	Napolitano	Shimkus
Hostettler	Neal (MA)	Smith (WA)
Hunter	Nussle	Snyder
Inglis (SC)	Ortiz	Souder
Israel	Osborne	Stark
Istook	Otter	Strickland
Jefferson	Pascarell	Tancred
Jenkins	Paul	Tanner
Jindal	Payne	Taylor (NC)
Jones (OH)	Pelosi	Thompson (CA)
Kennedy (MN)	Pence	Towns
Kilpatrick (MI)	Peterson (PA)	Turner
Kucinich	Pickering	Udall (CO)
Lee	Platts	Visclosky
Maloney	Pombo	Waters
Manzullo	Pomeroy	Waxman
Marchant	Ramstad	Weiner
Marshall	Rangel	Wynn

□ 1730

So (two-thirds of those voting having responded in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, June 19, 2006, I was absent due to a family commitment.

Had I been in attendance, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 289, final passage of H.R. 5540—Sergeant Jacob Dan Donos Post Office Designation Act.

LARRY WINN, JR. POST OFFICE BUILDING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 5504.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5504, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 305, nays 0, not voting 127, as follows:

[Roll No. 290]

YEAS—305

Abercrombie	Bishop (GA)	Burton (IN)
Ackerman	Bishop (NY)	Butterfield
Aderholt	Bishop (UT)	Calvert
Allen	Blackburn	Camp (MI)
Andrews	Blumenauer	Cantor
Bachus	Blunt	Capito
Baird	Boehlert	Capuano
Baker	Boehner	Cardin
Baldwin	Bonilla	Cardoza
Barrett (SC)	Bonner	Carson
Bartlett (MD)	Bono	Carter
Barton (TX)	Boren	Case
Bass	Boswell	Castle
Bean	Boustany	Chabot
Becerra	Boyd	Chandler
Berkley	Bradley (NH)	Chocola
Berry	Brady (PA)	Clyburn
Biggert	Brown-Waite,	Coble
Bilbray	Ginny	Cole (OK)
Bilirakis	Burgess	Conaway