

of New Orleans was submerged for nearly one month in deadly flood waters;

Whereas Hurricane Katrina devastated institutions of higher education, including Delgado Community College, Dillard University, Loyola University New Orleans, Southern University at New Orleans, Tulane University, the University of New Orleans, and Xavier University of Louisiana;

Whereas nearly two years later, all colleges and universities in New Orleans have reopened, but enrollment is lagging, major infrastructure has not yet been rebuilt, many public schools remain closed, and private and public schools that have reopened are struggling to recover;

Whereas prior to Hurricane Katrina, the population of New Orleans was 484,674; but nearly two years after Hurricane Katrina, little more than half of New Orleans residents have been able to return to their homes;

Whereas Hurricane Katrina overwhelmed the capabilities of State and local governments and Congress appropriated billions of dollars for emergency response needs, such as evacuations, repairs, deployment of personnel, and other immediate relief efforts;

Whereas nearly two years after Hurricane Katrina, disaster relief efforts continue to be needed, especially for hundreds of thousands of displaced citizens;

Whereas Hurricane Rita made landfall along the border of Louisiana and Texas on September 24, 2005, as the fourth most intense Atlantic hurricane ever recorded, causing \$9.4 billion in property damage;

Whereas Hurricane Rita completely destroyed several towns in Southwest Louisiana along the border of Texas and washed tons of potentially hazardous debris into the area's marshes, causing severe economic loss, detrimental health effects, and deaths;

Whereas Congress has responded to the devastation of the Gulf Coast region by providing billions of dollars in assistance, including tax relief efforts such as the Gulf Opportunity Zone, student aid, and disability services to victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and nearly two years later, Congress continues to provide assistance to expedite economic recovery in the region; and

Whereas the people of the United States have been extremely generous in their support for the Gulf Coast region, in addition to the outpouring of assistance from the international community, which continues to support the recovery efforts in the region; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes the importance of the Gulf Coast region to the economy of the United States;

(2) recognizes the importance of the cultural contributions of the people of the Gulf Coast to the United States; and

(3) expresses its support for all individuals still affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita two years after these terrible natural disasters struck.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, Hurricane Katrina made a devastating impact on Florida and the Gulf Coast states in the last days of August 2005, followed within weeks by Hurricanes Rita and Wilma. These disasters will long be remembered for disrupting families, changing and ending lives, and forcing Americans to rethink about our preparedness and ability to respond effectively to disasters. Unfortunately, these hurricanes served as a catalyst for changes in federal policy and government management within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Federal Emergency management Agency (FEMA).

Most of those changes were included in Title VI of the DHS appropriations legislation for FY2007. It established new leadership positions and requirements within FEMA. Additionally, it brought new missions into FEMA and enhanced the agency's authority by directing the FEMA Administrator to undertake a broad range of activities before and after disasters.

Although, Congress has responded to the devastation of the Gulf Coast region by providing billions of dollars in assistance, more resources are needed to expedite the economic recovery in this region.

Mr. Speaker, I commend my colleague Representative William Jefferson for introducing this legislation and urge the swift passage of this bill.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HONORING THE 2007 NBA CHAMPION SAN ANTONIO SPURS

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 490) honoring the 2007 NBA Champion San Antonio Spurs, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 490

Whereas on June 14, 2007, the San Antonio Spurs won the 2007 National Basketball Association (NBA) Championship with a victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers;

Whereas the Spurs' win results in their fourth NBA Championship in the last 9 years;

Whereas the Spurs, after sweeping the Cavaliers to decisively win the Finals 4-0, are widely recognized as a modern-day basketball dynasty;

Whereas San Antonio's four-game sweep was only the eighth sweep since the finals began in 1947;

Whereas the Spurs' .727 winning percentage is the highest in finals history;

Whereas under the leadership and instruction of Coach Gregg Popovich, the Spurs' Tony Parker, Tim Duncan, Manu Ginobili, Robert Horry, Bruce Bowen, Michael Finley, Fabricio Oberto, Francisco Elson, Jacque Vaughn, and Brent Barry played together as a team with determination and resolve to bring the NBA trophy back home to the Alamo City;

Whereas Tony Parker was named the Finals Most Valuable Player after using his speed and quickness to average 24.5 points and an amazing 57 percent from the field during the Finals, becoming the first European-born player to be honored as MVP;

Whereas Tim Duncan and Bruce Bowen anchored the Spurs with stifling defense throughout the NBA Finals;

Whereas Manu Ginobili used his pinpoint three-point shooting and strong drives to the basket to lead the Spurs to victory in Game 4 with 27 points;

Whereas Coach Gregg Popovich is recognized as one of the greatest coaches of all

time after winning his fourth NBA Championship; and

Whereas San Antonio has the best fans in the league and the Alamo City is the perfect setting for a championship celebration: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives congratulates the San Antonio Spurs and Coach Gregg Popovich for winning the 2007 National Basketball Association Championship.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on June 14, 2007, the San Antonio Spurs won the 2007 National Basketball Association (NBA) Championship with a victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers. This was the Spurs fourth NBA Championship in the last 9 years.

I join all my colleagues in congratulating the San Antonio Spurs and Coach Gregg Popovich for winning the 2007 National Basketball Association Championship.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CONGRATULATING THE DETROIT TIGERS FOR WINNING THE 2006 AMERICAN LEAGUE PENNANT

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 488) congratulating the Detroit Tigers for winning the 2006 American League Pennant and for bringing the City of Detroit and the State of Michigan their first trip to the World Series in 22 years, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 488

Whereas this is the 10th American League Pennant won by the Detroit Tigers;

Whereas Manager Jim Leyland is a 3 time Manager of the Year and 1 of 7 managers in the history of baseball to win the pennant in both the National and American Leagues;

Whereas the manager and coaching staff have done a remarkable job guiding this team to victory;

Whereas General Manager Dave Dombrowski and Owner Mike Ilitch have assembled and led a team that has revitalized the Tigers franchise;

Whereas all 25 players on the playoff squad contributed to their remarkable postseason victories over the New York Yankees and the Oakland Athletics, including American League Rookie of the Year Justin Verlander, as well as Magglio Ordóñez, Iván Rodríguez, Jeremy Bonderman, Kenny Rogers, Sean Casey, Carlos Guillén, Alexis Gómez, Omar Infante, Plácido Polanco, Brandon Inge, Craig Monroe, Marcus Thames, Curtis Granderson, Ramón Santiago, Neifi Pérez, Nate Robertson, Todd Jones, Jason Grilli, Zach Miner, Wilfredo Ledezma, Fernando Rodney, Joel Zumaya, Jamie Walker, and Vance Wilson;

Whereas the Detroit Tigers have a history of great players and managers, including Ty Cobb, Al Kaline, Hank Greenberg, and Sparky Anderson;

Whereas Detroit has a vibrant sports tradition because Michigan fans have faithfully supported their teams; and

Whereas the New York Yankees and Oakland Athletics proved worthy and honorable opponents during the post-season: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) congratulates the Detroit Tigers on winning the 2006 American League Pennant; and

(2) commends the players, coaches, management, and all the other personnel of the Detroit Tigers, as well as the fans, on this great victory.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, the Detroit Tigers has won 10 American League Baseball Pennants. In 2006, they made their first trip to the World Series in 22 years.

I join all my colleagues in congratulating the Detroit Tigers on winning the 2006 American League Pennant. Additionally, we commend the players, coaches, management, and fans for this great victory and accomplishment.

Mr. Speaker, I commend my colleague Representative MIKE ROGERS for seeking to congratulate the Detroit Tigers for winning the 2006 American League Pennant and for bring the City of Detroit and the State of Michigan their first trip to the World Series in 22 years and urge the swift passage of this bill.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

FRANK G. LUMPKIN, JR. POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2309) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3916 Milgen Road in Columbus, Georgia, as the “Frank G. Lumpkin, Jr. Post Office Building,” and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the bill, as follows:

H.R. 2309

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

SECTION 1. FRANK G. LUMPKIN, JR. POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3916 Milgen Road in Columbus, Georgia, shall be known and designated as the “Frank G. Lumpkin, Jr. Post Office Building”.

(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 “Frank G. Lumpkin, Jr. Post Office Building”.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, Frank Lumpkin, Jr. was born in Columbus on September 5, 1907. He was reared in Columbus, attended the 16th Street, now Woodall Elementary, School and Columbus High School, graduating from Riverside Military Academy in Gainesville, Georgia, in 1925. He was the first

college football player from the University of Georgia to turn professional by joining the Philadelphia Eagles in 1933.

Mr. Lumpkin was stationed at the Pentagon during World War II. He developed an ordinance distribution plan that the British government said, “shortened the war by months.” Mr. Lumpkin later served under General George Patton in Europe as a Lieutenant Colonel in the 709th Tank Battalion.

Mr. Lumpkin was President of Willcox-Lumpkin Company an insurance agency founded by his grandfather, D. F. Willcox, in 1848, where he built his family’s business into an internationally known firm that traded to 18 countries.

Mr. Speaker, I commend my colleague Representative LYNN WESTMORELAND for introducing this legislation and I urge the swift passage of this bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CONGRATULATING THE NHL CHAMPIONS, THE ANAHEIM DUCKS, ON THEIR VICTORY IN THE 2007 STANLEY CUP FINALS

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 471) congratulating the National Hockey League Champions, the Anaheim Ducks, on their victory in the 2007 Stanley Cup Finals, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 471

Whereas on June 6, 2007, in Anaheim, California, the Anaheim Ducks won the National Hockey League Stanley Cup, with a 6-2 victory over the Ottawa Senators in the decisive fifth game of the championship series;

Whereas the Ottawa Senators proved worthy opponents and should be congratulated for a hard-fought Stanley Cup series;

Whereas the Ducks’ win marked their first Stanley Cup title in franchise history;

Whereas the Ducks’ win marked the first National Hockey League sports championship won by a team from the State of California;

Whereas owners Henry and Susan Samueli and general manager Brian Burke have created a model franchise, assembling a team that rose from an unstable past to the pinnacle of its sport today;

Whereas the Ducks were ably led by head coach Randy Carlyle, and assistant coaches Newell Brown and Dave Farrish;

Whereas Ducks team members Francois Beauchemin, Ilya Bryzgalov, Sebastien Caron, Ryan Carter, Joe DiPenta, Ryan Getzlaf, Jean-Sebastien Giguere, Mark Hartigan, Kent Huskins, Chris Kunitz, Ric Jackman, Todd Marchant, Brad May, Andy McDonald, Drew Miller, Travis Moen, Joe Motzko, Scott Niedermayer, Rob Niedermayer, Sean O’Donnell, Samuel Pahlsson, George Parros, Dustin Penner,

Corey Perry, Chris Pronger, Aaron Rome, Teemu Selanne, Ryan Shannon, and Shawn Thornton, are all worthy of praise and admiration for their contributions to the resilient championship team;

Whereas Scott Niedermayer, the Ducks’ team captain and a 33-year old veteran, was awarded the Conn Smythe Trophy as the most valuable player of the National Hockey League post-season;

Whereas the Anaheim Ducks introduced a new future for the National Hockey League, creating new fans of the sport’s high level of athleticism and competition;

Whereas the entire Ducks organization has contributed considerably to the community it represents, generously donating time and resources to a variety of charitable and educational programs for children throughout the State of California; and

Whereas Anaheim, and all of California, are proud of the accomplishment and dedication of the Anaheim Ducks organization and fans: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives congratulates the National Hockey League Champions, the Anaheim Ducks, on their victory in the 2007 Stanley Cup Finals.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on June 6, 2007, in Anaheim, California, the Anaheim Ducks won the National Hockey League Stanley Cup. They won with a 6-2 victory over the Ottawa Senators in the decisive fifth game of the championship series. The Ottawa Senators were worthy opponents and should be congratulated for a hard-fought Stanley Cup series. The Ducks’ win marked their first Stanley Cup title in franchise history and by a team from the State of California.

I join all my colleagues in congratulating the National Hockey League Champions, the Anaheim Ducks, on their victory in the 2007 Stanley Cup Finals.

Mr. Speaker, I commend my colleague Representative LORETTA SANCHEZ for seeking to congratulate the Anaheim Ducks as the National Hockey League Champions and urge the swift passage of this bill.

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in jubilant support of H. Res. 471, recognizing the Anaheim Ducks and their victory over the Ottawa Senators in the National Hockey League Stanley Cup Finals. I applaud the House’s consideration of this exciting measure.

The Ottawa Senators proved to be worthy opponents, but they were no match for the hard hitting, exciting brand of hockey of Ducks general manager Brian Burke and head coach Randy Carlyle.

The 6-2 win to clinch the title was a display of solid teamwork as five different Ducks scored goals.

The Ducks teamwork was buttressed by the awe inspiring defensive work of Scott Niedermayer, who was honored as the most valuable player of the NHL post-season.

Their work is a true accomplishment. Not only did the Anaheim Ducks bring the Stanley Cup to Anaheim for the first time, but they are the first team from California to win it all.

With that, Mr. Speaker, we congratulate the Anaheim Ducks for their marvelous play and celebrate their victory in the 2007 Stanley Cup Finals.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.