

The text of the Senate bill is as follows:

S. 3082

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

**SECTION 1. REVEREND EARL ABEL POST OFFICE BUILDING.**

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1700 Cleveland Avenue in Kansas City, Missouri, shall be known and designated as the “Reverend Earl Abel 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 “Reverend Earl Abel Post Office Building”.

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

**HONORING THE MEMORY OF ROBERT MONDAVI**

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of Senate Concurrent Resolution 84 and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate concurrent resolution.

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

There was no objection.

The text of the Senate concurrent resolution is as follows:

S. CON. RES. 84

Whereas Robert Mondavi, a much-loved and admired man of many talents, passed away on May 16, 2008, at the age of 94;

Whereas Robert Mondavi will be fondly and most famously remembered for his work in producing and promoting California wines on an international scale;

Whereas Robert Gerald Mondavi was born to Italian immigrant parents, Cesare and Rosa, on June 18, 1913, in Virginia, Minnesota, and his family later moved to Lodi, California, where he attended Lodi High School;

Whereas after graduating from Stanford University in 1937 with a degree in economics and business administration, Robert Mondavi joined his father and younger brother Peter in running the Charles Krug Winery in the Napa Valley of California;

Whereas Robert Mondavi left Krug Winery in 1965 to establish his own winery in the Napa Valley, and, in 1966, motivated by his vision that California could produce world-class wines, he founded the first major winery built in Napa Valley since Prohibition: the Robert Mondavi Winery;

Whereas in the late 1960s, the release of the Robert Mondavi Winery’s Cabernet Sauvignon opened the eyes of the world to the potential of the Napa Valley region;

Whereas Robert Mondavi introduced new and innovative techniques of wine production, such as the use of stainless steel tanks to produce wines like his now-legendary Fumé Blanc;

Whereas as a tireless advocate for California wine and food, and the Napa Valley, Robert Mondavi was convinced that California wines could compete with established European brands, and his confidence in the

potential of Napa Valley wines was confirmed in 1976 when California wines defeated some well-known French vintages at the historic Paris Wine Tasting, or “Judgment of Paris”, wine competition;

Whereas in the late 1970s, Robert Mondavi created the first French-American wine venture when he joined with Baron Philippe de Rothschild in creating the Opus One Winery in Oakville, which produced its first vintage in 1979;

Whereas the success of the Robert Mondavi Winery, and the many international ventures Robert Mondavi pursued, allowed him to donate generously to various charitable causes, including the Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Science and Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts, both affiliated with the University of California, Davis, and the establishment of the American Center for Wine, Food and the Arts;

Whereas those who knew Robert Mondavi recognized him as a uniquely passionate and brilliant man who took pride in promoting causes that he held close to his heart;

Whereas Robert Mondavi’s work as an ambassador for wine will be remembered fondly by all those whose lives he touched; and

Whereas Robert Mondavi will be deeply missed in the Napa Valley, in California, and throughout the world: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress honors the life of Robert Mondavi, a true pioneer and a patriarch of the California wine industry.*

The Senate concurrent resolution was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

**CONGRATULATING NBA CHAMPION BOSTON CELTICS**

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 376) congratulating the 2007–2008 National Basketball Association World Champions, the Boston Celtics, on an outstanding and historic season, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

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

There was no objection.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

H. CON. RES. 376

Whereas the Boston Celtics are one of the most successful and respected franchises in the history of professional sports;

Whereas prior to the 2007–2008 season, the Celtics had won 16 National Basketball Association (NBA) championships, more than any other team in NBA history, with a cast of players that, over the years, has included Hall of Famers such as Bill Russell, Bob Cousy, Tommy Heinsohn, John Havlicek, Dave Cowens, JoJo White, and other Celtic stars, whose accomplishments were captured from “high above courtside” by legendary Celtics sportscaster Johnny Most;

Whereas the Celtics’ unmatched record of achievement on the basketball court has been further enhanced by the team’s creation of an organizational culture, known as

“Celtic Pride”, based on the values of teamwork, tenacity, and loyalty, which was developed and encouraged by the legendary, late Celtics’ head coach and team executive, Arnold “Red” Auerbach;

Whereas the Celtics’ performance last season, in which the team finished with a record of 24–58, losing 18 games in a row at one point during the season, was a stark departure from the team’s historically high caliber of play;

Whereas in the off-season, the Celtics’ Executive Director of Basketball Operations Danny Ainge, with the support of the team’s owners, responded quickly and aggressively to the disappointing season and acquired 2 NBA all-stars, power forward Kevin Garnett and guard Ray Allen;

Whereas Garnett and Allen joined Celtics’ all-star forward Paul Pierce and formed a “Big Three” of outstanding players reminiscent of the “Big Three” of past Celtic greats Larry Bird, Kevin McHale, and Robert Parish, who led the Celtics to NBA championships in the 1980s;

Whereas the combination of Garnett, Allen, and Pierce immediately sparked the most dramatic turnaround in NBA history, as the Celtics started the 2007–2008 season with an 8–0 record and kept the momentum throughout the season, achieving records of 20–2 and 40–9;

Whereas the Celtics finished the regular season with a league-best record of 66–16;

Whereas the Celtics entered the NBA playoffs with home court advantage as a result of the team’s regular season performance and defeated the Atlanta Hawks in the Eastern Conference quarterfinals in 7 games;

Whereas the Celtics then faced the Cleveland Cavaliers in the Eastern Conference semifinals, winning in 7 games, with team captain Paul Pierce scoring 41 points in a 97–92 victory in the deciding game;

Whereas the Celtics squared off against the Detroit Pistons in the Eastern Conference finals, clinching the series in 6 games, thanks to the outstanding plays of Paul Pierce, James Posey, Ray Allen, and Rajon Rondo;

Whereas the Celtics matchup with the Los Angeles Lakers in the NBA finals represented a battle of league titans, as the Celtics–Lakers rivalry spans decades, and either the Celtics or the Lakers have won half of the NBA’s 62 championships;

Whereas the Celtics won the first 2 games of the finals in Boston, including a hard-fought Game 2 during which Leon Powe, the Celtics’ second-year power forward, scored 21 points in 15 minutes off the bench, propelling the Celtics to a 108–102 victory;

Whereas although the Celtics lost Game 3 in Los Angeles by a score of 87–81, the team overcame a 20-point deficit in the third quarter of Game 4 to record one of the greatest comebacks in NBA finals history, powered by active team defense and a tremendous performance by Celtics’ guard Ray Allen, who played all 48 minutes of the game on the way to a 97–91 Celtics victory;

Whereas although the Celtics were unable to defeat the Lakers in Game 5 despite a rally that fell just short, the Celtics responded by clinching a record 17th NBA championship in Game 6 on June 17, 2008, winning on the team’s home court in Boston on the storied parquet floor now graced with Red Auerbach’s signature by a score of 131–92, a 39-point margin that is the largest gap ever for an NBA finals closeout game;

Whereas the Celtics’ revival from a last place finish in the Eastern Conference’s Atlantic Division last season to a record 17th NBA Championship this season is the greatest single-season turnaround in NBA history;

Whereas in addition to the contributions of superstars Garnett, Allen, and Pierce, the

strong, sustained efforts of the entire Celtics team, including Kendrick Perkins and a bench of tenacious and talented players such as Eddie House, James Posey, P.J. Brown, Sam Cassell, Tony Allen, Glen Davis, and Brian Scalabrine enabled the Celtics to return to the glory that has marked much of the franchise's history;

Whereas Celtics owners Wyc Grousbeck, Steve Pagliuca, H. Irving Grousbeck, and Bob Epstein, along with Executive Director of Basketball Operations Danny Ainge, Head Coach Doc Rivers, and the entire Celtics roster and coaching staff have earned a special place in Boston sports history; and

Whereas the Celtics have joined with the Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots to transform Boston from "Beantown" to "Titletown", as the 3 teams have won a combined 6 championships in 6 years: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),* That it is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the 2007–2008 National Basketball Association (NBA) World Champions, the Boston Celtics, are to be congratulated for an outstanding and historic season;

(2) the Celtics, in winning a record 17th NBA World Championship, capped a remarkable, unprecedented single-season turnaround that captivated basketball fans across America and around the world; and

(3) the hustle, team defense, and overall unselfish play of the 2007–2008 Celtics are emblematic of the "Celtic Pride" tradition that has been a hallmark of the franchise for more than half a century, and serves as a model for coaches and players everywhere.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### NATIONAL ESTATE PLANNING AWARENESS WEEK

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 1499) designating the third week of October as "National Estate Planning Awareness Week," 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 Missouri?

There was no objection.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

#### H. RES. 1499

Whereas it is estimated that over 120,000,000 Americans do not have up-to-date estate plans to protect themselves or their families in the event of sickness, accidents, or untimely death;

Whereas a 2004 Roper poll commissioned by the American Institute for Certified Public Accountants found that two-thirds of Americans over age 65 believe they lack the knowledge necessary to adequately plan for retirement, and nearly one half of all Americans are unfamiliar with basic retirement tools, such as a 401(k) plan;

Whereas careful estate planning can greatly assist Americans in preserving assets built over a lifetime for the benefit of family, heirs, or charities;

Whereas estate planning involves many considerations, including safekeeping of im-

portant documents, documentation of assets, operation of law in the various States, preparation of legal instruments, insurance, availability of trust arrangements, charitable giving, inter vivos care of the benefactor, and other important factors;

Whereas estate planning encourages timely decisions about the method of holding title to certain assets, the designation of beneficiaries, and the possible transfer of assets during the life of the benefactor;

Whereas many Americans are unaware that lack of estate planning and "financial illiteracy" may cause their assets to be disposed of to unintended parties by default through the complex process of probate;

Whereas alternatives to disposition of assets after death, such as planned gift-giving, may accomplish a benefactor's goal of providing for his or her family and favorite charities;

Whereas careful planning can prevent family members or other beneficiaries from being subjected to complex legal and administrative processes requiring significant expenditure of time, and greatly reduce confusion or even animosity among family members or other heirs upon the death of a loved one;

Whereas important considerations as to donation of organs and use of life support functions may be made through the estate planning process;

Whereas the implementation of an estate plan starts with sound education and planning, and then may require the proper drafting and execution of appropriate legal documents, including wills, trusts, and durable powers of attorney for health care;

Whereas the third week of October should be designated as "National Estate Planning Awareness Week"; and

Whereas the National Association of Estate Planners and Councils, representing over 28,000 estate planning professionals, together with the Universal Press Syndicate, the largest independent newspaper syndicate in the world, are prepared to provide such educational information to the public in a focused manner during National Estate Planning Awareness Week: Now, therefore be it

*Resolved, That the House of Representatives—*

(1) encourages the distribution of estate planning information by professionals to all Americans; and

(2) supports the designation of a "National Estate Planning Awareness Week".

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### HARRY LEE POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 5932) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2801 Manhattan Boulevard in Harvey, Louisiana, as the "Harry Lee 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 Missouri?

There was no objection.

The text of the bill is as follows:

#### H. R. 5932

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

#### SECTION 1. HARRY LEE POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2801 Manhattan Boulevard in Harvey, Louisiana, shall be known and designated as the "Harry Lee 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 "Harry Lee Post Office Building".

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.

#### 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW DEAL

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 360) recognizing the important social and economic contributions and accomplishments of the New Deal to our Nation on the 75th anniversary of legislation establishing the initial New Deal social and public works programs, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

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

There was no objection.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

#### H. CON. RES. 360

Whereas this year marks the 75th anniversary of the "First Hundred Days", from March 4, 1933, to June 16, 1933, which was an unprecedented period of legislative action that engendered the programs that constituted the New Deal;

Whereas the New Deal was a set of programs and policies with the purpose of promoting economic recovery, as well as social and financial reform, during a time of severe economic and social distress due to conditions created by the Great Depression;

Whereas the New Deal established Federal programs to address these issues, including the Civilian Conservation Corps, Works Progress Administration, Public Works Administration, Farm Securities Administration, National Youth Administration, Home Owners Loan Corporation, Tennessee Valley Authority, and the Rural Electric Administration;

Whereas these programs left behind a massive public works and architectural legacy;

Whereas the United States continues to benefit from infrastructure projects built as a result of the New Deal, including numerous schools, hospitals, courthouses, libraries, city halls, fire houses, housing, public health facilities, roads, bridges, airports, sewer and water systems, flood control projects, dams, trails, parks, playgrounds, and zoos;

Whereas these infrastructure projects employed millions of individuals who planted more than 3,000,000,000 trees and constructed or repaired 650,000 miles of public roads, 125,000 public buildings, 75,000 bridges, 8,000 parks, 800 airports, and a number of sewage disposal plants;