

"thank you" for helping to better our society and contributing to our freedom. Too many were forgotten and unrecognized for their diligence, commitment and sacrifices.

As we continue to celebrate the month of February and Black History Month, let us be mindful of the Haitian soldiers and the numerous others of the African diaspora that renounced slavery and aided in the formation of our great Nation. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution honoring the courage of the Haitian soldiers who fought for American independence and renunciation of slavery.

Mr. BOOZMAN. Again, I appreciate the hard work of the gentleman from Florida in bringing this forward. I would urge my fellow Congressmen to vote "yes" on this very timely resolution, and having no further speakers, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. I thank my good friend from Arkansas for management of this legislation and commend the gentleman from Florida and the gentlewoman from Texas for their eloquent statements concerning this legislation.

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 909 introduced by Representative KENDRICK MEEK of Florida commemorating the courage of the Haitian soldiers that fought for American independence in the Siege of Savannah and for Haiti's independence and renunciation of slavery.

H. Res. 909 recognizes the honorable act of the Haitian soldiers of the Chasseurs-Volontaires de Saint Domingue who volunteered to join the fight for American independence in the fall of 1779. Already in the fifth year of the American Revolution, Americans were growing weary of gaining independence when the Haitians stepped in. Today, we give them our gratitude for their bravery in sending over 500 soldiers to aid us in our fight for independence. We also remember and honor their sacrifice of over 300 men lost during the Siege of Savannah in October 1779.

I hold Haiti's achievements of being the world's first black-led republic and the first Caribbean state to achieve independence in high esteem. However, Haiti continues to struggle against poverty and instability. This is why we need to commemorate the landmark of the brave actions of the 500 Haitians who fought alongside Americans for our freedom.

It is important that we honor the progress of states in the 21st century continuing the fight against racially driven injustice. I would like to mention that H.R. 3432, which I introduced in August 2007, was signed into law by the President last week on February 5, 2008. This bill called for the establishment of the commission on the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade.

As Haiti still struggles to find her own model of peace and liberty, we extend our support by commemorating the loyalty of Haitians to the U.S. Haitians played a vital role in America's path to independence and freedom.

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight in support of H. Res. 909 "Commemorating the Courage of the Haitian Soldiers That Fought for American Independence in the Siege of Savannah and for Haiti's Independence and Renunciation of Slavery."

This resolution highlights the heroism displayed by 900 Haitian soldiers in Savannah during the American Revolutionary War and is

a source of great inspiration and pride for all Haitians. I am not surprised by the indomitable spirit of these Haitian soldiers who so courageously defended America's fight for independence.

On October 9, 1779, the soldiers of Chasseurs-Volontaires de Saint Domingue, Haiti, served as the largest unit of soldiers of African descent to fight in the Siege of Savannah alongside American and French forces. The monument in Savannah serves as a tribute to the hundreds of Haitian volunteers who took great risk and traveled by sea to fight for American freedom during the Revolutionary War. Today, I heartily applaud the Haitian soldiers who lost their lives fighting for our country.

MR. FALEOMAVAEGA. I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from American Samoa (Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 909, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. 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 motion will be postponed.

CONGRATULATING THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE CHAMPION NEW YORK GIANTS FOR WINNING SUPER BOWL XLII

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 960) congratulating the National Football League champion New York Giants for winning Super Bowl XLII and completing one of the most remarkable postseason runs in professional sports history.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 960

Whereas on February 3, 2008, in Glendale, Arizona, the New York Giants achieved the improbable and upset the previously undefeated New England Patriots by a score of 17 to 14 in Super Bowl XLII to win the National Football League (NFL) Championship;

Whereas during the 2007-2008 post season, the Giants were the epitome of determination, fortitude, and resiliency as they made their way through the playoffs and ultimately triumphed over the previously undefeated New England Patriots, who were favored by 12 points to win the championship game;

Whereas quarterback Elisha Nelson "Eli" Manning, who had 19 completions for 255 yards and 2 touchdowns, was selected as the Most Valuable Player of Super Bowl XLII;

Whereas the New York Giants' win over the New England Patriots was the most-watched Super Bowl ever, with 97,500,000 viewers, making it the second most viewed American broadcast in television history;

Whereas the Giants achieved one of the most remarkable feats in sports history by

winning an NFL record-breaking 11 straight road games, granting them the title of "Road Warriors", and in the process became only the second team in NFL history to win 3 playoff games and the Super Bowl away from their home field;

Whereas in each round of the playoffs, when none of the experts thought they had a chance to win, the Giants and their loyal, dedicated, and passionate fans believed they could accomplish what others declared impossible;

Whereas Tom Coughlin, in his fourth season as head coach of the Giants, has gone to the playoffs for 3 straight seasons, and this season lead his team, with the help of Defensive Coordinator Steve Spagnuolo, Offensive Coordinator Kevin Gilbride, and the entire Giants coaching staff, to Super Bowl XLII and brought the Vince Lombardi Trophy back to the Meadowlands;

Whereas the New York Giants organization is one of the most successful in NFL history, boasting 15 Hall of Fame players, appearing in 26 postseasons, winning more than 600 games, 16 NFL divisional championships, and 7 NFL championships, including remarkable title runs in 1987, 1991, and 2008 (Super Bowls XXI, XXV, and XLII) that captivated New York and New Jersey;

Whereas Giants owner and Chief Executive Officer John Mara and Executive Vice President Steve Tisch have done a remarkable job leading this storied franchise with the assistance and dedication of their talented staff;

Whereas the New York Giants have played all their home games in the Meadowlands Sports Complex, located in East Rutherford, New Jersey, since 1976 and have supported Bergen County and the northern New Jersey and New York areas with community outreach projects; and

Whereas the entire Giants franchise has become a model of professionalism, teamwork, and community service in representing the entire New York and New Jersey metropolitan area: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives congratulates the National Football League champion New York Giants for winning Super Bowl XLII and completing one of the most impressive seasons in professional sports history.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BUTTERFIELD) and the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SHAYS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join my colleagues today in the consideration of H. Res. 960, which provides for the recognition of the National Football League champion New York Giants for winning Super Bowl XLII and for completing one of the most remarkable postseason runs in professional sports history.

On Super Bowl Sunday, I was in Columbus, Georgia. And when I realized that my flight was scheduled at the very same time as the Super Bowl, I

cancelled my return and had the privilege of watching this extraordinary game at the home of my good friend, Congressman SANFORD BISHOP.

Mr. Speaker, H. Res. 960 was introduced by Representative STEVE ROTHMAN of New Jersey, and it has the support and cosponsorship of 60 Members of Congress.

Mr. Speaker, it is only fitting that we consider this resolution today as it highlights and expresses our commemoration of one of sporting history's most exciting wins which occurred on February 3, 2008, when the New York Giants battled back from behind to beat the undefeated New England Patriots by a score of 17-14 to capture the NFL's coveted Lombardi Trophy.

Super Bowl XLII and the perseverance of the New York Giants to become only the second team in football history to go from NFC wild card contender to NFL champion will undoubtedly go down in the record books.

For this accomplishment, we stand to commend the New York Giants franchise, players, coaches, and all of the supportive fans from across the world on a job well done. I urge the passage of this measure.

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

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, this is great fun.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 960 congratulating the New York Giants for their 17-14 victory over the New England Patriots in Super Bowl XLII.

It was a second straight Super Bowl victory for the first family of football, the Mannings. Peyton Manning led the Indianapolis Colts to the title last year, and his younger brother, Eli, threw two touchdown passes to lead the Giants to victory this year and claim the Most Valuable Player award, like his brother.

Their father, Archie, of course, was a great pro quarterback himself, spending most of his career with the New Orleans Saints.

John Wooden, the greater former UCLA basketball coach, said sports don't build character, they reveal it. So what does this victory say about the New York Giants? It says they are a resilient bunch, entering the playoffs as the number five seed in a six-team NFC field, then defeating a Dallas team who had beaten them twice in the regular season and a Green Bay team in arctic conditions to reach the big game.

There, they stymied an offense that had scored more points, gained more yards, and won more games in a season than any team in NFL history. They did it by keeping that offense off the field. New York owned the ball for nearly 20 of the first 30 minutes. They did it with new heroes such as David Tyree, who scored the go-ahead touchdown. He had never caught a touchdown pass in the NFL before. And they did it with seasoned vets such as Michael Strahan who led a defense that

held the Pats to a season low of 274 yards.

So what was revealed of the character of these Giants? That they ignored the conventional wisdom which didn't give them a chance, that they found in each other the strength to do what they couldn't have done any other way, take down the "next big thing" in the biggest game of the year. Thanks, Giants, for showing us what is possible when we don't take "no" for an answer.

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

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, at this time I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. ROTHMAN), the sponsor of this great legislation and a good friend of all of us.

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 960, legislation to congratulate the New York Giants for winning Super Bowl XLII and completing one of the greatest upsets in professional sports history.

I introduced this resolution because I am so proud of this team that plays at Giants Stadium in the New Jersey Meadowlands in East Rutherford, New Jersey. My constituents and I are so honored that we have a Super Bowl champion back in our region.

On Sunday, February 3, in Glendale, Arizona, the New York football Giants achieved the highly improbable by beating the previously undefeated New England Patriots. The score was 17-14, and they went on to win Super Bowl XLII.

The game was the most watched Super Bowl ever with nearly 100 million viewers tuning in to make it the second-most viewed American television broadcast in history.

I offer this resolution to honor the entire Giants organization on their incredible season and on their win. Specifically, I would like to congratulate Giants owner and chief executive officer John Mara; executive vice president Steve Tisch; head coach Tom Coughlin; defensive coordinator Steve Spagnuolo; offensive coordinator Kevin Gilbride, and all of the Giants players and support staff on a job very well done.

The entire Giants franchise has been a model of professionalism, teamwork, and community service in representing the New York-New Jersey metropolitan area.

Their Super Bowl triumph shows that no matter what the odds, a group of determined underdogs can take on a dynasty and emerge victorious. This time, the team that slew Goliath were Giants themselves.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting House Resolution 960 and in congratulating the New York football Giants for their outstanding season and remarkable win in Super Bowl XLII.

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

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Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, at this time I am pleased to yield 4 min-

utes to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PASCRELL).

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the football Giants on their improbable and inspirational Super Bowl victory. House Resolution 960, I'm sure, will get tremendous support here.

On any list of the most memorable moments in sports history, the word "underdog" often makes an appearance. We always seem to remember the team that overcame adversity, and we always remember the team that overcame doubt to steal victory from the grasp of a supposedly superior opponent in the last second, against all odds, and against all predictions.

In some ways, we can all see ourselves as underdogs. Sometimes, no matter what you do, how hard you try, it can feel like the whole world is rooting for the other team and the other guy. There are lessons here of perseverance. Whether you are a candidate, whether you are a Congressman, whether you are a truck driver is immaterial.

Maybe this is why the Giants' upset over the heavily favored New England Patriots resonates so strongly with the American people and is sure to be remembered as one of the greatest victories in the history of the National Football League.

At the start of the playoffs, no one believed the Giants would defeat the Dallas Cowboys, their flashy division rivals who had beaten them twice during the regular season, but they did.

No one believed that the Giants would defeat the great Green Bay Packers; but on the frozen tundra of Lambeau Field, and against a living legend, they prevailed.

And no one believed the Giants could compete with New England. The Patriots were the team of destiny. Man, we've heard that on this floor about a lot of things. They had the perfect team, the perfect season to complete.

Only God is perfect, Mr. Speaker. Only God.

No one but the Big Blue faithful believed the Giants had a chance to win that night.

But history is known to repeat itself, and the history of sports is full of great upsets, victorious underdogs, from the miracle on the ice, to Buster Douglas, to Joe Namath. And now, in the same breath, we can say the 2007 football Giants.

Who will ever be able to forget the almost supernatural catch made by Wayne, New Jersey, resident David Tyree? Born in Montclair, went to schools there. Indeed, it was this graduate from New Jersey's Montclair High who caught a not-to-be-believed 32-yard pass from Eli Manning that kept the winning drive alive with only 59 seconds left.

As the final seconds ticked off the game clock, the emotions and excitement were immeasurable. But it was a bittersweet moment for me. I wished my friend and fellow Fordham alumnus, Wellington Mara, the Giants late owner, was alive to witness it.

I congratulate the owners, the coaches and players of the Giants on an incredible season and a historic championship. I wish them the best of luck defending their title next year.

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I don't have any speakers at this time, except I would have liked to have asked unanimous consent that former Congressman ROGER WICKER, who was a House Member who was sitting here, could speak; but given now he's a Senator, I don't think you would have found that in order. But what he said to me was how proud he is that Archie Manning, who was his classmate at Ole Miss, had these two remarkable sons in Eli and Peyton, and he thinks it reflects well, I think, on Ole Miss, and certainly on his dad.

But I'd also like to express something else. For those of us who are not the sports fans that others may be, it was a tremendously proud moment for us to see the New York Giants put their best team forward in the last game of the season against the New England Patriots when the outcome of the game didn't matter to New York, but it mattered to people like me and others who feel that the obligation of pro sports is to always play their best and always put their best team forward. And I think that remarkable game which they almost won led ultimately to the remarkable games that followed and to their ultimate victory.

This is a kick. This was a game that I'll remember the rest of my life because it had so much to do about character.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I don't have any additional speakers at this time. It's just obvious that we have some Members on this floor today who are very proud of the New York Giants.

Thank you very much for the time. I yield back the balance of my time as well.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. JACKSON of Illinois). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BUTTERFIELD) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 960.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. 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 motion will be postponed.

DR. CLIFFORD BELL JONES, SR.
POST OFFICE

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3468) to designate the facility

of the United States Postal Service located at 1704 Weeksville Road in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, as the "Dr. Clifford Bell Jones, Sr. Post Office".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3468

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

SECTION 1. DR. CLIFFORD BELL JONES, SR. POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1704 Weeksville Road in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, shall be known and designated as the "Dr. Clifford Bell Jones, Sr. Post Office".

(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 "Dr. Clifford Bell Jones, Sr. Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BUTTERFIELD) and the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SHAYS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to join my colleagues today in the consideration of H.R. 3468, which seeks to name a postal facility on the campus of Elizabeth City State University in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, after a great American, Dr. Clifford Bell Jones, Sr. Mr. Speaker, this bill has the support of the entire North Carolina delegation.

Dr. Clifford Bell Jones, Sr., was born in Washington County, North Carolina, a very rural part of my congressional district. He and his family relocated to Virginia, and Dr. Jones spent his formative years in Hampton. Later he attended Lutheran College in Greensboro, North Carolina. In 1923, Dr. Jones received a Bachelor of Science degree from the great Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina; and Dr. Jones earned a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree in 1927 from the historic Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee. Shortly after being awarded his dental degree, Dr. Jones began his professional life in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, where he practiced general dentistry for 66 years.

Mr. Speaker, I am particularly proud to sponsor this legislation because my father and Dr. Jones were very close friends. They were classmates at Shaw. They were classmates at Meharry, and they fought together in World War I and spent their lifetimes in service to their community.

Dr. Jones participated in many local and community activities in Elizabeth

City. He was one of the first African Americans to run for the city council in Elizabeth City in 1957 and was defeated by only 28 votes. Later, in the 1960s, Dr. Jones was appointed to serve on the Elizabeth City-Pasquotank County School Board. He served as a deacon at the Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church in Elizabeth City, and as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Museum of the Albemarle. He was a proud trustee emeritus of Elizabeth City State University.

As I said a moment ago, a veteran of World War I, he was a member of American Legion Post 223.

Dr. Jones was a member, as was my father, of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, and was a 32-degree Mason.

Dr. Jones was a member of numerous professional organizations that included the Eastern North Carolina Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Society, and the North Carolina Dental Society, among others.

Dr. Jones was the recipient of several awards and honors throughout his professional career. He received the Meharry Medical College President's Award for Service to Mankind. I accompanied Dr. Jones and my father back to Meharry for their 50th reunion in 1977. It was a great occasion.

Twice Dr. Jones was awarded the Delta Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's Certificate of Honor, and I'm sure the Speaker would take great pride in that, as the Speaker of the House today, the acting Speaker, is an Omega, for exceptional service to the citizens of northeastern North Carolina in the field of dentistry.

He was awarded a certificate of appreciation from the City Council of Elizabeth City for his invaluable services on the city's human relations committee.

Dr. Jones dedicated the better part of his 99 years serving mankind in his profession and through his community and involvement.

Sadly, Dr. Clifford Bell Jones, Sr., passed away several years ago and leaves a rich history.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Dr. Jones for his outstanding service to my home State of North Carolina and to our country.

I urge my colleagues to vote "aye" on H.R. 3468.

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

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge the passing of this bill designating the post office in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, as the Dr. Clifford Bell Jones, Sr. Post Office.

Dr. Jones led an honorable life serving his country, profession, and community with dignity for well over half a century.

A veteran of World War I, Dr. Jones returned home to earn his bachelor of science from Shaw University and ultimately his doctorate of dental surgery from Meharry Medical College Dental School in 1927. He began his professional career in Elizabeth City, North