

when they take care of themselves, they in turn are taking care of their families and community.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. TOWNS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 268.

The question was taken.

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

Mr. TOWNS. 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.

#### HONORING WILLIAM EARNEST "ERNIE" HARWELL

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the resolution (H. Res. 1328) honoring the life and legacy of William Earnest "Ernie" Harwell.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

#### H. RES. 1328

Whereas William Earnest "Ernie" Harwell was born in Washington, Georgia, in 1918, graduated from Emory University, and began his career as a copy editor and sportswriter for the Atlanta Constitution and as a regional correspondent for The Sporting News;

Whereas Ernie Harwell served four years in the United States Marine Corps during World War II, after which he announced games on the radio for the Atlanta Crackers of the Southern Association;

Whereas Ernie Harwell became the only announcer in baseball history to be traded for a player when the Brooklyn Dodgers acquired his services from the Atlanta Crackers in 1948;

Whereas Ernie Harwell called baseball games for the Brooklyn Dodgers through 1949, the New York Giants from 1950 to 1953, including his call of Bobby Thomson's "shot heard 'round the world" in the 1951 National League pennant playoff game on NBC television, and the Baltimore Orioles from 1954 to 1959;

Whereas in 1960, Ernie Harwell began calling games at the corner of Michigan and Trumbull as the "voice" of Detroit Tigers baseball, until his retirement from broadcasting in 2002;

Whereas Ernie Harwell called the 1984 World Series for the Tigers and WJR Radio, exclaiming "Here comes Herndon, he's got it! And the Tigers are the champions of 1984!";

Whereas Ernie Harwell broadcast two Major League All-Star Games (1958 and 1961) and two World Series (1963 and 1968) for NBC Radio, numerous American League Championship Series and American League Division Series for CBS Radio and ESPN Radio, the CBS Radio Game of the Week from 1992 to 1997, professional and college football, and the Masters Tournament of golf;

Whereas Ernie Harwell was honored by the National Baseball Hall of Fame as the fifth broadcaster to receive its Ford C. Frick

Award in 1981, inducted into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame and the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association Hall of Fame in 1989, and inducted into the National Radio Hall of Fame in 1998;

Whereas in January 2009, the American Sportscasters Association ranked Harwell 16th on its list of Top 50 Sportscasters of All Time;

Whereas, on May 5, 2010, Ernie Harwell was posthumously awarded the Vin Scully Lifetime Achievement Award in Sports Broadcasting;

Whereas Ernie Harwell thrilled baseball fans with his signature call of "That ball is loooooong gone!"; and said, "Baseball is a lot like life. It's a day-to-day existence, full of ups and downs. You make the most of your opportunities in baseball as you do in life.";

Whereas Ernie Harwell's low-key delivery and colorful, conversational style are synonymous with baseball and known to fans across the Nation;

Whereas Ernie Harwell began the first spring training broadcast of each season with a reading from Song of Solomon 2:11-12: "For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land.";

Whereas for 55 years, Ernie Harwell endeared Americans in his broadcast of over 8,400 baseball games;

Whereas Ernie Harwell spent 43 of his 55 major league seasons calling games for the Detroit Tigers;

Whereas Ernie Harwell said, "I know we're all going at some time, and I'm ready for whatever God's got";

Whereas, on May 4, 2010, Ernie Harwell, residing in Novi, Michigan, passed away at the age of 92 after a long career enjoyed by millions; and

Whereas Ernie Harwell is survived by his beloved wife of 68 years, Lulu, their four children, seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren, and by baseball fans across the Nation: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

(1) honors the life and legacy of William Earnest "Ernie" Harwell for his significant contributions to Major League Baseball;

(2) expresses profound sorrow at his passing on May 4, 2010; and

(3) expresses sincere condolences to his wife Lulu, and the rest of his family, friends, colleagues, and admirers.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York (Mr. TOWNS) and the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. McCOTTER) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

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

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

There was no objection.

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I now yield myself as much time as I may consume.

I rise in support of H. Res. 1328, a resolution honoring the life and legacy of William "Ernie" Harwell. Mr. Harwell, an iconic and beloved sportscaster for the Detroit Tigers, passed away on May 4, 2010, at the age of 92. During his 55-year career, he delivered the play-

by-play for more than 8,500 Major League Baseball games, spending more than 40 of those years calling games for the Tigers. He became known as the "voice of the Tigers" due to his colorful style of commentary. A player called out on a third strike was, he would say, "called out for excessive window shopping." A double play was "two for the price of one." He finally retired from broadcasting in 2002 while he was still in good health, saying he discussed it with his wife and that "it's better to leave too early than too late."

Mr. Harwell's love of baseball was also expressed in writings and song. In 1955, he wrote, "The Game for All America," an essay celebrating Americans' love affair with baseball. Mr. Harwell wrote dozens of songs, including one for Hank Aaron when he broke Babe Ruth's home run record in 1974.

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

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield as much time as she may consume to my distinguished colleague from the State of Michigan (Mrs. MILLER).

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, last Tuesday, we from metro Detroit and the entire State of Michigan lost a treasure with the passing of former Detroit Tigers broadcaster Ernie Harwell.

For generations of Detroit Tiger fans, Ernie Harwell was literally the voice of summer. Day after day, and year after year, that wonderful southern gentleman's voice was heard on our radios and made every baseball season wonderful, regardless of the number of Tigers' wins and losses. Ernie's voice, broadcasting the Tigers games, was a welcome friend at family picnics or at the beach. He was with us in our cars as we were driving up north on a family vacation. He was with us in our yards and in our garages as we did our household chores. The truth of the matter is that Ernie Harwell was more than just a baseball broadcaster; he was a member of our family. And that is why the loss of Ernie Harwell is being mourned by our entire community, Mr. Speaker. Whether you are a baseball fan or not, we loved Ernie Harwell because he personified integrity, generosity, courtesy, honor, and just pure class.

As a young man, he served our Nation in the United States Marine Corps during World War II. For 68 years, he shared his life with his beloved wife, Lulu, their four children, seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

For more than 40 years, his voice was a welcome friend on our radios. And since his retirement 8 years ago, he was still a constant, beloved presence in our community. Throughout his life, his charitable acts and gentle kindness made him a beloved figure for everyone.

And last fall, Mr. Speaker, when he found out he was stricken with inoperable cancer, Ernie accepted his fate

with grace because of his deep and abiding faith in God and in the knowledge that he had led a wonderful life. Last September, Ernie gave a farewell speech before a Tigers game at Comerica Park. I want to read from a bit of that speech so you have an understanding of why we all loved Ernie Harwell so much. He said:

"In my almost 92 years on this Earth, the good Lord has blessed me with a great journey. And the blessed part of that journey is that it's going to end here in the great State of Michigan. I deeply appreciate the people of Michigan. I love their grit. I love the way they face life. I love the family values they have. And you Tigers fans are the greatest fans of all. No question about that. And I certainly want to thank you from the depth of my heart for your devotion, your support, your loyalty, and your love. Thank you very much, and God bless you."

That's what he said, Mr. Speaker. And we love you too, Ernie.

Our hearts go out to Ernie's beloved wife, Lulu, for her great loss, and we send our thanks to Mrs. Harwell for sharing the man that she loved for these many years with millions throughout Michigan and around our Nation. And thank you, Ernie, for being such a special part of the lives of so many in our community. God bless you, good friend, and may you rest in peace.

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, this resolution was introduced by our colleague, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. McCOTTER), on May 5, 2010. It was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, which reported the resolution by unanimous consent on May 6, 2010. The measure enjoys the support of 70 Members of the House.

I thank the gentleman from Michigan for introducing this measure, and I thank the staff along with the ranking member, the gentleman from California (Mr. ISSA), for working to bring this resolution to the floor today.

On that note, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, they say that youth is wasted on the young, and in many ways it is. As a kid growing up in Michigan who loved baseball, going through those deep winters was very difficult. We would wait for the first signs of spring, and one of the surest signs that spring was here was the voice of Ernie Harwell. As I was growing up, our Tigers were not always at the top of their game. They had some very tough years there. But somehow that didn't matter when you listened to Ernie Harwell's voice on the radio. When you heard him describe the game of baseball, you could understand the majesty and the lore that runs through generations. And what was going on on that field to us who were listening was

very important. And as a child, you tend to think that some of the things you inherit or are fortunate enough to happen upon will stay that way forever. And in some ways Ernie tried his best. His long, distinguished career allowed a kid like me to think that somehow that voice would go on forever through that radio, reminding us of the joys of what is really a child's game.

And now Detroit has lost him, the baseball community has lost him, but we have not lost the resonance of his voice in our hearts. And every time spring comes, we will be reminded not only that the joy of the national pastime is back, but we will be reminded of the joy of listening to and being with Ernie Harwell.

Mr. Speaker, I would urge all Members to support the passage of H. Res. 1328.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this resolution honoring Mr. Harwell, a colorful character who will be deeply missed by the people not only of Michigan, people throughout this Nation. I had an opportunity many, many years ago to hear him and I will be honest with you, even though my team was losing that day, I must admit I enjoyed hearing his voice, even though my team was not on top.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. TOWNS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1328.

The question was taken.

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

Mr. TOWNS. 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.

#### URGING PREVENTION OF ATTACKS AGAINST FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1187) expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to raising public awareness of and helping to prevent attacks against Federal employees while engaged in or on account of the performance of official duties, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

#### H. RES. 1187

Whereas title 18 of the United States Code makes it a crime to forcibly assault, resist, intimidate, or interfere with a Federal employee while engaged in or on account of the performance of official duties, or to kill or

attempt to kill any such employee while so engaged or on such account;

Whereas the suicide attack on the Internal Revenue Service office in Austin, Texas on February 18, 2010, that claimed the life of two-tour Vietnam veteran Vernon Hunter follows the more than 1,200 attacks which were made on Internal Revenue Service employees between 2001 and 2008, attacks which have resulted in at least 197 convictions;

Whereas the shooting attack on Thursday, March 4, 2010, by John Patrick Bedell that injured two Pentagon guards was the fourth attack or security scare on a Federal building in 2010;

Whereas the Department of Justice filed 313 cases in fiscal year 2006, 326 cases in fiscal year 2007, 303 cases in fiscal year 2008, and 277 cases in fiscal year 2009 (as of August of such fiscal year), relating to attacks against Federal employees;

Whereas more than 2,000,000 civilian employees in the Federal workforce provide many forms of dedicated service to the United States and its people, such as fighting crime and fire, supporting our military, protecting health, providing essential human services, preserving the environment and maintaining our national parks, wildlife refuges, and forests, securing our borders, responding with assistance in times of natural disaster, regulating commerce, defending our freedom, and advancing our country's interests around the world, all of which contribute to the greatness and prosperity of the Nation; and

Whereas Federal employees are entitled to expect a reasonable degree of personal safety and security while carrying out their official duties: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

(1) expresses the Nation's appreciation for the outstanding contributions made by Federal employees to the United States;

(2) supports the goal of protecting the safety and security of our Federal employees; and

(3) urges that the Government seek ways to improve the safety and security of our Federal employees.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York (Mr. TOWNS) and the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. McCOTTER) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

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

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, with H. Res. 1187, this Chamber expresses its commitment to the safety and security of our Nation's public servants. H. Res. 1187 was introduced by our colleague, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. MORAN) on March 16, 2010. It was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, which ordered it reported by unanimous consent on May 6, 2010. The measure enjoys the support of over 70 Members of the House.