

Whereas Phil Mickelson has won 4 major championships, including the Masters 3 times, and a total of 38 events on the PGA Tour; and

Whereas the Phil and Amy Mickelson Foundation, through involvement with Start Smart, the Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy, and other causes, have supported a variety of youth and family initiatives: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives congratulate Phil Mickelson on the outstanding accomplishment of winning the 2010 Masters golf tournament.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) and the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. BROWN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam 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 Illinois?

There was no objection.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise to congratulate professional golfer Phil Mickelson on his stunning victory in the 2010 Masters Golf Tournament.

On April 11, 2010, in Augusta, Georgia, golfer Phil Mickelson sank his last birdie of the game to clinch his third Masters Golf Tournament victory. This was his fourth career championship victory. He finished with the score of 16 under par, the best score in a Masters Tournament since 2001. I would also like to recognize the courage and the tenacity of two extraordinary women who were at Mr. Mickelson's side during his great victory: Amy Mickelson, his wife; and Mary Mickelson, his mother. Both recently have been diagnosed with breast cancer. The Mickelson family has shown amazing bravery in the face of these difficult circumstances. We wish them the very best in the challenges that lie ahead, and let us keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

H. Res. 1256 was introduced by our colleague, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. BROWN), on April 15, 2010, and was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The committee reported the measure by unanimous consent on May 6, 2010. The measure enjoys the support of over 70 Members of the House. I want to thank the gentleman from Georgia for introducing this measure. I would also like to thank Chairman TOWNS and Ranking Member ISSA for their support of the resolution. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Mickelson on his success in the tournament by supporting this resolution.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BROWN of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise today in support of House Resolution 1256, which congratulates Phil Mickelson on winning the 2010 Masters Golf Tournament in Augusta, Georgia. His strong performance in the tournament and his exemplary community involvement throughout his career is an example not only for millions of golf fans, but for all Americans.

Mickelson's victory was his third Masters title and his fourth major championship of his stellar career. Despite the loud buzz surrounding this year's tournament, Mickelson quietly and consistently played each hole very well. He did not shoot above par on a single hole in the final round and won the tournament by three strokes. ESPN wrote that "the signature moment came on the 13th, a hole Mickelson has dominated like no other at Augusta. With a 2-shot lead, he was stuck between two Georgia pines and had just over 200 yards to the hole. He never considered anything but a shot at the green."

Mickelson took the risky shot, and as he said, "it came off perfect." Mickelson ended the day by hitting a birdie on the 18th hole to increase his lead to 3. Even though Mickelson has 40 other tournament wins, this Masters victory may have meant the most to him because of all he has been through in the last year. Both his wife and mother were diagnosed with cancer in the past year.

The Masters was the first tournament that Amy, his wife, was able to attend in months since she was diagnosed with breast cancer almost a year ago. Amy had been unable to attend the tournament during the first few rounds and was so tired she did not think that she could attend on Sunday to watch the final round. However, she found the strength to go to the 18th hole and watch her husband win. All of the fans at the tournament and golf fans around the world cheered as Mickelson embraced his wife. It was a very touching moment. Afterwards Mickelson said, "In the last year, we've been through a lot, and it's been tough. And to be on the other end and feel this kind of jubilation is incredible." What a gentleman, what a role model is Phil Mickelson.

Madam Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to support this resolution that recognizes Phil Mickelson's performance and great character during this Masters Tournament and also Augusta National for hosting another outstanding tournament.

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

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I again urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this measure, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1256.

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. SALAZAR. Madam 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.

NATIONAL TEACHER DAY

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 403) expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established a National Teacher Day to honor and celebrate teachers in the United States, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 403

Whereas the education of children in the United States is the foundation of the future success of the United States;

Whereas education is critical for the creation of an innovative workforce and for increasing the global competitiveness of the United States;

Whereas teachers help students cultivate the knowledge and principles necessary to be successful in life;

Whereas teachers are held to high expectations;

Whereas teachers help instill civic responsibility among students in the United States;

Whereas teachers deserve annual national recognition for their knowledge, selfless dedication to their profession, compassion, and sacrifice; and

Whereas the Tuesday of the first full week of May of each year is an appropriate day for the establishment of National Teacher Day: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of National Teacher Day; and

(2) calls upon the people of the United States to observe such a day with appropriate ceremonies, programs, and activities.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) and the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. BROWN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam 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 Illinois?

There was no objection.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 403, a resolution that supports the goals and ideals of National Teacher Day to honor and celebrate teachers in the United States of America.

Every day in schools across the country, teachers work tirelessly to educate our country's most precious resource, our children. Oftentimes they work long hours under difficult conditions and don't receive the recognition and appreciation they deserve. The least we can do is designate a day where the teachers of America know that they are appreciated and that they are in our thoughts.

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Most of us can think back to that one special teacher who influenced us or changed our lives: the math teacher that took extra time out of their overloaded schedule to help us understand that one difficult algebra problem; the Spanish teacher who stayed late to help us with verb conjugations before the big test, or the history teacher who made the American Revolution come alive off the page of a textbook.

Teachers are the glue that holds our education system together. They ensure that our young people become successful adults by providing the knowledge and skills for them to thrive, even if some of our children don't realize it at the time. Teachers help our children find their way along the path to adulthood, teaching more than facts and figures, but life lessons as well.

I often remember and often talk about my favorite teacher, a woman, Ms. Beadie King, who taught in a one-room school that I attended as a young person. Ms. Beadie taught 8 grades plus what we called the little primer and the big primer, all at the same time. And oftentimes today, when I talk, I use pithy sayings and comments. Most of those I remember from Ms. Beadie, who would often use these little illustrations to try and teach us how to behave.

For example, she used to tell us that a wise old owl sat on an oak. The more he heard, the less he spoke. The more he spoke, the less he heard. Now I want you boys to be like that wise old bird. And of course, if we didn't comply, she had other methods and techniques that she would use to get her message across.

And to this very day—that's been a long, long time ago—I never forget poems that she taught us because by the time I graduated high school, she had become the English teacher and the literature teacher.

And she taught without thinking about her compensation. As a matter of fact, some days she would walk in the rain, 6 to 8 miles herself, to get to school. Other times, if the weather was just too inclement, her husband would drive her in his wagon. Now, of course, lots of people can't remember times like those, but that was sometime ago.

We still have many dedicated teachers all over America, teachers who give of themselves in such a way that others can experience and have the opportunities to grow and develop to become whatever it is that their talents, ambition, hard work combine to make

them. That is the role of teachers. That is the promise of America.

And so we salute teachers on this day. I believe that they are the salt of the Earth, the pillars of the universe, the individuals upon whose shoulders the rest of society stands.

And so I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BROUN of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 403, expressing the sense that the House of Representatives should establish a National Teachers Day to honor and celebrate teachers in the United States.

Every day thousands of men and women in this country wake up in the morning with a tremendous responsibility, the stressful and sometimes daunting task of educating our Nation's youth. We entrust these special people with our most precious gift, our children.

Education requires commitment and hard work from both students and teachers. Most of us can point to the one or two special educators, as Mr. DAVIS was just talking about his teacher, whose impact allowed us to get to where we are today.

Teachers have guided children throughout history instilling principles of good citizenship, hard work and the reward of doing one's personal best. Across all borders and around the world, teachers are a key factor in engaging the minds of their students and imparting knowledge for a lifetime.

Through their dedication and passion for service, teachers bridge the gap between the resources available and the vital need for a strong education. They provide the tools necessary for success, and their sacrifice deserves national recognition.

Madam Speaker, I ask all Members to join me in supporting this resolution.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I might consume.

Madam Speaker, this resolution was introduced by our colleague, the gentleman from Florida, Representative RON KLEIN, on April 22, 2010, and was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The committee reported the measure by unanimous consent on May 6, 2010. The measure enjoys the support of over 70 Members of the House, and so I thank the Member from Florida for introducing this measure. And I'd also like to thank Chairman TOWNS and Ranking Member ISSA for their support. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting our Nation's teachers by voting in favor of this measure.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BROUN of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, teachers around this country are overworked; they're

underpaid. They have the future of our Nation in their hands, and they deserve the recognition that this resolution so duly gives them. And I urge support of this resolution.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, to close, we have noted lately strong conversation about perhaps some school districts having to lay off teachers, not having all of the resources that are needed or the resources that are necessary to keep them engaged and keep them employed.

I urge my colleagues, not only to support this resolution, but I urge this Congress, I urge State legislatures, I urge State officials and Federal officials and local officials all across the country to make absolutely certain that we find the resources necessary to make our education system the very best in the world and to live up to the idea that our teachers deserve all of the support we could possibly provide.

Mr. BROUN of Georgia. Would the gentleman yield?

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Yes.

Mr. BROUN of Georgia. I just want to associate myself with the gentleman's remarks. He's absolutely right. We need to focus on teachers, not administrators and a lot of the auxiliary people who are in the educational system today. Teachers should be the primary focus.

In my State of Georgia, we're laying off teachers, and it's a crying shame. Teachers don't get the recognition that they deserve. They don't get the pay that they deserve. They're hamstrung by red tape and paperwork. They're struggling very hard to impart an education to the youth of our Nation. Many of these teachers have to come out of their own pocket to pay for supplies for kids in their own room, and that's a crying shame. It should not be that way.

This is just a simple token, but I hope a tremendous token, to honor the teachers that affect all of us and affect the Nation's future. And so I wanted to associate myself with Mr. DAVIS' words because he's very, very correct in what he said. These people need the much deserved recognition that this resolution gives them. And I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. I want to thank the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. BROUN) very much for his comments, and I join with him.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 403, 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. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam 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.

AMERICAN CRAFT BEER WEEK

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1297) supporting the goals and ideals of American Craft Beer Week.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1297

Whereas American Craft Beer Week is annually celebrated in breweries, restaurants, and beer stores by craft brewers and home brewers nationwide;

Whereas in 2010, American Craft Beer Week is celebrated from May 17 to May 23;

Whereas craft brewers operate smaller breweries, each producing less than 2,000,000 barrels per year, and produce high-quality beers using traditional brewing techniques;

Whereas more than 1,500 craft breweries are in business across the United States;

Whereas in 2009, 110 new breweries opened, creating jobs and improving economies in communities across the United States;

Whereas in 2009, American craft breweries produced more than 9,000,000 barrels of beer, which was 500,000 more barrels than in 2008;

Whereas American craft brewers export more than 1,300,000 gallons of beer abroad and are creating new markets and new international opportunities each year;

Whereas American craft brewers employ nearly 100,000 full- and part-time workers and generate more than \$3,000,000,000 in wages and benefits;

Whereas American craft brewers support American agriculture by purchasing barley, malt, and hops grown, processed, and distributed in the United States;

Whereas American craft brewers increase awareness of the differences in the flavor, aroma, color, alcohol content, body, and other complex variables of beer, as well as historic brewing traditions dating back to colonial America;

Whereas American craft brewers champion the message of responsible enjoyment to their customers and work with their communities to prevent alcohol abuse and underage drinking;

Whereas American craft brewers are frequently involved in local communities through philanthropy, volunteerism, and sponsorship of community events;

Whereas craft brewing harnesses the innovative spirit of the United States, creating new and unique styles of beers that consistently win international quality and taste awards; and

Whereas increased Federal and State support of craft brewing is important to fostering growth of an American industry that creates jobs, greatly benefits the economy, and brings international accolades to American small businesses: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of American Craft Beer Week, as founded by the Brewers Association;

(2) recognizes the significant contributions of craft brewers to the economy of the United States; and

(3) encourages beer-lovers of the United States to celebrate American Craft Beer Week through events at microbreweries,

brewpubs, and beer stores across the United States to appreciate the accomplishments of craft brewers.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) and the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. BROWN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam 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 Illinois?

There was no objection.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I might consume.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, I'm pleased to present H. Res. 1297 for consideration. This measure supports the goals and ideas of American Craft Beer Week.

H. Res. 1297 was introduced by our colleague, the gentlewoman from Colorado, Representative BETSY MARKEY, on April 22, 2010. It was referred to the Committee on Government Reform, which ordered it reported favorably by unanimous consent on May 6, 2010. The measure enjoys the support of over 60 Members of the House.

Madam Speaker, American craft brewers make up a small but fast growing part of the American beer industry, creating a wide variety of beers of many different flavors, colors, aromas, and alcohol strengths. Many commercial craft brewers began as hobbyists, learning about beer by brewing at home. The trade of craft brewing dates back to colonial America, and even George Washington and Thomas Jefferson were known to have produced their own beer.

There are now more than 1,500 craft breweries across the United States. They employ over 100,000 full- and part-time employees and generate over \$3 billion in wages and benefits annually. Their industry supports American agriculture by purchasing ingredients grown, processed, and distributed right here in the United States. They make up only a small percentage of the Nation's beer industry, about 6.9 percent of the sales share in dollars, but craft brewers are growing rapidly in sales and market share, with a 10.3 increase in sales last year, despite a recession. They are a shining example of independent American businesses reaching great levels of success by creating and selling unique, high-quality products.

This industry does much more than simply good business. Craft brewers are often fixtures in local communities, participating in community events and philanthropic works. They promote responsible alcohol consumption and raise awareness of the dangers of alcohol abuse.

And so, Madam Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from Colorado (Ms. MARKEY) for introducing this measure. And I also thank Chairman TOWNS and Ranking Member ISSA for their support for the bill.

I urge my colleagues to join me in commending our country's craft brewers by supporting this measure.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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Mr. BROWN of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 1297, recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of American Craft Beer Week. The small and independent American craft brewing industry is making an increasingly valuable and substantial contribution to the American economy. Currently, the industry provides an estimated 100,000 jobs, and craft breweries are located in every State of the Union.

Not only are craft brewers responsible for providing a variety of quality, local jobs, they are responsible for the increased enjoyment and pleasure of craft beers, while customers discover the intricacies of aroma, color, body, and other variables in the beverage that makes it pleasurable to drink. These craft breweries also support American agriculture through purchases of barley, malt, and hops grown, processed, and distributed in the United States.

In addition, craft brewers are in the forefront of educating people about responsible drinking and the prevention of alcohol abuse, as well as supporting programs created to prevent underage drinking. If Benjamin Franklin were with us today, perhaps he would revise his famous statement where he said, "Beer is living proof that God loved us and wants us to be happy." He might preface it with the words, "American craft."

I ask my colleagues to support this fine example of American entrepreneurship, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, it looks like George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Ben Franklin all had something in common in addition to being the Founders of our country. They also liked their beer.

Ms. MARKEY of Colorado. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating American Craft Beer Week, May 17 through May 23, 2010. This is a week to celebrate the many accomplishments of craft brewers and home brewers across the nation.

After Prohibition destroyed local and regional breweries around the United States, it took approximately half a century before the American craft beer industry grew to offer so many distinct beer brands and styles. Until this resurgence, beer lovers had few options to choose from and even fewer options when looking for American-made beer.

Today, American Craft Brewers are brewing smaller batches of quality beers using traditional methods but innovative recipes. Craft