

Kelly	Moran (KS)	Scott (GA)
Kennedy (MN)	Moran (VA)	Scott (VA)
Kennedy (RI)	Murphy	Sensenbrenner
Kildee	Musgrave	Serrano
Kilpatrick (MI)	Myrick	Sessions
Kind	Nadler	Shadegg
King (IA)	Napolitano	Shaw
King (NY)	Neal (MA)	Shays
Kirk	Neugebauer	Sherman
Kline	Ney	Sherwood
Knollenberg	Northup	Shimkus
Kolbe	Norwood	Shuster
Kucinich	Nunes	Simmons
Kuhl (NY)	Nussle	Simpson
LaHood	Oberstar	Skelton
Langevin	Obey	Slaughter
Lantos	Olver	Smith (NJ)
Larsen (WA)	Ortiz	Smith (TX)
Larson (CT)	Osborne	Smith (WA)
Latham	Otter	Snyder
LaTourette	Owens	Sodrel
Leach	Pallone	Soudrel
Lee	Pascarell	Spratt
Levin	Pastor	Stark
Lewis (CA)	Paul	Stearns
Lewis (GA)	Payne	Strickland
Lewis (KY)	Pearce	Stupak
Linder	Pence	Sullivan
Lipinski	Peterson (MN)	Sweeney
LoBiondo	Petri	Tancred
Lofgren, Zoe	Pickering	Tanner
Lowe	Pitts	Tauscher
Lucas	Platts	Taylor (MS)
Lungren, Daniel E.	Poe	Taylor (NC)
Lynch	Pombo	Terry
Mack	Pomeroy	Thomas
Maloney	Porter	Thompson (CA)
Manzulio	Price (GA)	Thompson (MS)
Marchant	Price (NC)	Thornberry
Markey	Pryce (OH)	Tiahrt
Marshall	Putnam	Tiberi
Matheson	Radanovich	Tierney
Matsui	Rahall	Towns
McCarthy	Ramstad	Turner
McCaul (TX)	Rangel	Udall (CO)
McCollum (MN)	Regula	Udall (NM)
McCotter	Rehberg	Upton
McCrery	Reichert	Van Hollen
McDermott	Renzi	Velázquez
McGovern	Reyes	Visclosky
McHenry	Reynolds	Walden (OR)
McHugh	Rogers (AL)	Walsh
McIntyre	Rogers (KY)	Wamp
McKeon	Rogers (MI)	Wasserman
McKinney	Rohrabacher	Schultz
McMorris	Ros-Lehtinen	Watson
McNulty	Rothman	Watt
Meehan	Roybal-Allard	Waxman
Meek (FL)	Royce	Weiner
Meeks (NY)	Ruppersberger	Weldon (FL)
Melancon	Rush	Weldon (PA)
Menendez	Ryan (OH)	Weller
Mica	Ryan (WI)	Westmoreland
Michaud	Ryun (KS)	Wexler
Millender-	Sabo	Whitfield
McDonald	Salazar	Wicker
Miller (FL)	Sánchez, Linda T.	Wilson (NM)
Miller (MI)	T.	Wilson (SC)
Miller (NC)	Sanchez, Loretta	Wolf
Miller, Gary	Sanders	Woolsey
Miller, George	Saxton	Wu
Mollohan	Schakowsky	Wynn
Moore (KS)	Schwartz (PA)	Young (AK)
Moore (WI)	Schwarz (MI)	Young (FL)

## NOT VOTING—14

Berman	Higgins	Ross
Clay	Kingston	Schiff
Cramer	Murtha	Solis
Everett	Pelosi	Waters
Harman	Peterson (PA)	

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON) (during the vote). Members are advised that 2 minutes remain in this vote.

□ 2344

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 362 on H.R. 3130 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

## REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 2355

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 2355.

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

There was no objection.

## CONGRATULATING SAN ANTONIO SPURS FOR WINNING 2005 NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 339) congratulating the San Antonio Spurs for winning the 2005 National Basketball Association Championship, 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 North Carolina?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

## H. RES. 339

Whereas on June 23, 2005, the San Antonio Spurs won the National Basketball Association's (NBA) Championship with an 81-74 victory over the Detroit Pistons;

Whereas the Spurs' win resulted in their third NBA championship title in franchise history;

Whereas the Spurs competed against the Pistons to win the series 4-3;

Whereas the Detroit Pistons and their coach, Larry Brown, put up a battle worthy of a championship series;

Whereas under the guidance of Coach Gregg Popovich, the Spurs' Tim Duncan, Manu Ginobili, Tony Parker, Robert Horry, Bruce Bowen, Nazr Mohammed, Brent Barry, Beno Udrih, Rasha Nesterovic, Glenn Robinson, Devin Brown, and Tony Massenburg played valiantly to bring the NBA trophy back home to San Antonio;

Whereas congratulations are due as well to the Spurs' owners, Peter and Julianna Holt, and all of the other people in the Spurs' organization.

Whereas Tim Duncan was for the third time named the finals' Most Valuable Player following the Spurs' victory;

Whereas Coach Gregg Popovich is only one of two active coaches to win three championship titles and only the fifth in league history; and

Whereas San Antonio has the best hometown crowd 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 another exciting basketball season and for winning the 2005 National Basketball Association Championship.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, this resolution congratulates the San Antonio Spurs—and espe-

cially, 3-time NBA Finals Most Valuable Player Tim Duncan, the pride of Wake Forest University, which is located in my district—for winning the 2005 NBA championship.

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the San Antonio Spurs for winning their third National Basketball Association Championship in seven years. The 2005 World Champion Spurs deserve recognition for this achievement, and the class and sportsmanship they displayed in victory.

The Spurs won their third championship against a most worthy opponent, the tough and determined defending champion Detroit Pistons. In this seven-game series, both the Spurs and the Pistons blew each other out for two games apiece, but in the last three games each team showed the championship-caliber mettle that made this series a classic.

The Spurs displayed the skills, determination, and courage to overcome an opponent displaying the same qualities and playing with the same philosophy. This provided for scintillating games five, six, and seven, in which each team would give no ground, and the winner deserved the victory.

This final, championship round featured two juggernauts of team defense, and the results showcased the simple beauty of the game the focus not strictly on the hype of individual scoring and acrobatic plays. The pride and joy of the Spurs and Coach Gregg Popovich is cohesive and tenacious defense that takes victory for its own.

The San Antonio Spurs are champions not only on the court, but off. The Spurs are the paragon of professionalism and teamwork, and while this may not sell for the casual fan, it sells very well for the fans in San Antonio and South Texas who admire these values. The San Antonio Spurs are both a vital member of the community and a community concept viewed with pride by all San Antonians.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to enter the names of these champions into the RECORD: Tim Duncan; Manu Ginobili; Tony Parker; Bruce Bowen; Nazr Mohammed; Robert Horry; Brent Barry; Devin Brown; Rasha Nesterovic; Beno Udrih; Tony Massenburg; Glenn Robinson; Head Coach Gregg Popovich, and Chairman Peter Holt.

I congratulate them on this momentous victory, and thank them for the pride and happiness they bring to all San Antonio.

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of House Resolution 339, which honors the newly crowned champions of the NBA, the San Antonio Spurs. The Spurs have just won their third title in seven years. In a hard fought victory, the Spurs eventually triumphed over the defending NBA champions the Detroit Pistons in a back and forth series that culminated in a decisive seventh game. I must also honor the spirit of the Detroit Pistons who did not quit after the Spurs routed them in the first two games nor when the Spurs won the crucial game five. Even though the Pistons very reluctantly surrendered the title, they pushed the series to the full seven games, the first NBA finals to go the distance in 11 years.

Every significant structure must have a sound and strong foundation, and the Spurs are the model of stability in professional sports as the principal owners, Peter and Julianna Holt, allow the people they hire to run the team without interference. Coach Greg Popovich and General Manager R.C. Buford have created an atmosphere that fosters the

spirit of winning basketball and epitomizes the ideals of teamwork, cooperation, and the axiom that the whole is more than the sum of the parts. It is a style that demands sharing the ball, team defense, relentless effort and, above all, selfless play.

Moreover, the international composition of the team reflects the increasingly diversified, more tightly knit world in which we live. General Manager, R.C. Buford, spends a great deal of his time in gyms all over the world looking for the next Manu Ginobili, the Argentine swingman whose acrobatic drives into the lane electrified fans and dazzled the opposition. Given the range of languages and cultures of the Spurs, Coach Popovich has done an amazing job of integrating his players into a formidable and cohesive whole.

Mr. Speaker, I agree with San Antonio native Dean Aguilan, a die-hard Spurs fan and one of my constituents, when he says that "The greatness of the Spurs players who hail from Argentina, the Virgin Islands, France, Slovenia, New Zealand, and from across the U.S. have made San Antonio the capital of the international basketball world."

Naturally, the city of San Antonio has longed embraced the Spurs and considers them family. Spurs basketball suits the Alamo City as a place where substance matters much more than style and people hold others to their words. When the Spurs say they will give their all, they do. So, it is never a surprise when the colors of silver and black sweep the city come springtime as the Spurs work deeper and deeper into the playoffs.

So, I would like to honor Tim Duncan, Tony Parker, Manu Ginobili, Bruce Bowen, Nazr Mohammed, Rasho Nesterovic, Robert Horry, Devin Brown, Beno Udrih, Brent Barry, and Tony Massenburg. I would also like to recognize Greg Popovich who has now moved into elite coaching company with his third title.

The Spurs truly embody our national motto, *e pluribus unum*, which of course means out of the many come one. All of San Antonio is very proud of the Spurs and of this momentous accomplishment.

Mr. BONILLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding achievement of the San Antonio Spurs and congratulate them for winning the 2005 National Basketball Association Championship on June 23. This is the third time in the past five years that National Championship trophy has come home to San Antonio. This was a dramatic seven game series against the Detroit Pistons, and hard fought at every step along the way. Under the guidance of Coach Greg Popovich, the Spurs' Tim Duncan, Manu Ginobili, Tony Parker, Robert Horry, Bruce Bowen, Nazr Mohammed, Brent Barry, Beno Udrih, Rasho Nesterovic, Glenn Robinson, Devin Brown, and Tony Massenburg played valiantly to bring the NBA trophy back home to the fans of San Antonio. In fact, Tim Duncan earned recognition as the final's most valuable player for the third time due to his performance, leadership and character. In life it's not just whether you win, it's how you play the game. America has seen how the Spurs are a true team of character, no ball hogs, no billboard tattoos, no nose rings. It is a team that worked like a well oiled machine. No longer can anyone in the NBA say "nice guys finish last".

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 2985. An act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendments to the bill (H.R. 2985) "An act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes." requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. ALLARD, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. JOHNSON and Mr. BYRD, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

The message announced that the Senate has passed without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 3104. An act to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.

H.R. 3021. An act to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through September 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

#### THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE 109TH CONGRESS

(Mr. HASTERT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, this week marks a significant time in the history of the House of Representatives, and in the future of the American people.

Just 6 months into the 109th Congress, we have made some great strides. And this week we mark a milestone.

You see, by the end of today, for the first time in nearly 20 years, the House of Representatives will have completed all of its appropriations bills before the July 4th holiday. It is an unprecedented success, and I want to thank and congratulate the gentleman from California (Mr. LEWIS), chairman; the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY); and the Committee on Appropriations for all their hard work and long hours.

I am especially proud of Members under the House Republican leadership for their input and support for our overall agenda.

Just like families must live within their budgets, the Federal Government must live within its means. We have passed appropriations bills that have been fiscally responsible while recognizing our national priorities.

We set out important goals in our budget: to provide overall increases only to defend America at home and abroad. We have kept that promise.

Earlier this spring, we passed a war-time supplemental that gives our troops the tools they need to fight the war on terror. That same legislation, which is now law, includes provisions to protect our borders from terrorists by establishing Federal driver's license guidelines and beefing up our deportation laws.

We passed a budget that continues to cut the deficit. It also requires us to slow the growth of entitlement programs for the first time since 1997. For the first time, we are going to reform these programs and we are going to save our taxpayers more money by eliminating waste and fraud and abuse.

By restraining spending and by cutting the deficit, Republican policies are helping to keep our economy strong.

Currently, our Nation's unemployment stands at 5.1 percent. That is the lowest it has been since before the September 11 attacks. More Americans, especially minorities, own homes now than ever before. Federal revenues are coming in well above estimates, which means the deficit will be lower than expected.

And just yesterday we learned that overall economic growth was 3.8 percent for the first quarter of 2005, higher than expected.

□ 2350

America's economy has now had 14 straight quarters of growth.

On the domestic front, we passed legislation that will maintain our status as the world leader. We have passed legislation which the President signed into law which would curb class action lawsuits. This is a problem that has been devastating to our small businesses across this country. Many of them spend on average \$150,000 per year on litigation expenses. Our legislation will bring relief to those mom and pop small businesses.

We passed a bankruptcy bill that will help curb the number of abusive and frivolous bankruptcy filings. That bill is now law. While the bill allows relief to those who truly need it, it is going to rein in those fraudulent bankruptcies that drive up the cost of credit to hard-working Americans who pay their bills.

We have moved to ease America's energy crisis. I am sure you have all heard from constituents upset about raising gas prices. In the long term, the comprehensive energy bill passed in this House will ease our dependence on foreign oil and curb high gas prices. It would also create nearly half a million jobs. I am pleased that the Senate this week passed their version of the bill, and I urge the Senate to quickly appoint conferees so that House and Senate negotiators can develop a compromise and send it to the President for his signature.

We have passed and are now awaiting Senate action on legislation that permanently ends the death tax. Many of our small businesses are wrapped up in a loved one's estate. Figures show that