

110TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. 1246

Congratulating the Detroit Red Wings for winning the 2008 Stanley Cup
Hockey Championship.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 5, 2008

Mr. CONYERS (for himself, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. UPTON, Mr. McCOTTER, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. CAMP of Michigan, Mr. ROGERS of Michigan, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. EHLERS, and Mr. DINGELL) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the Detroit Red Wings for winning the 2008
Stanley Cup Hockey Championship.

Whereas on June 4th, 2008, the Detroit Red Wings won the
2008 Stanley Cup Hockey Championship;

Whereas the Red Wings, one of the original six teams in the
National Hockey League (NHL), have reached their
82nd year in the NHL and have previously earned 10
Stanley Cup Championships and numerous other regular
season, conference, and division championships;

Whereas the Red Wings were awarded the President's Tro-
phy for finishing first overall in the 2007–2008 regular
season in the NHL;

Whereas the Red Wings defeated the Dallas Stars to clinch the Western Conference title and win the Clarence S. Campbell Bowl;

Whereas the Red Wings faced the Eastern Conference Champion Pittsburgh Penguins in the Stanley Cup finals and came away victorious, clinching the series with four wins and two losses;

Whereas the Red Wings won the Stanley Cup after two months of competitive and grueling play that characterizes the Stanley Cup playoffs;

Whereas Red Wings Head Coach Mike Babcock has been with the team since 2005 and his dedication and leadership have earned him his first Stanley Cup Championship as a coach and a nomination for the Jack Adams Award as head coach of the year for the 2007–2008 season;

Whereas Coach Babcock and his coaching staff of Paul MacLean and Todd McLellan have provided strong leadership and solid coaching, resulting in a hockey team that has been undeniably dominant in regular and post-season play;

Whereas Mike Ilitch has been President and team owner of the Red Wings since 1982 and has shown steadfast support for the team and the city of Detroit;

Whereas Ken Holland, General Manager of the Red Wings, has shown dedication to the Red Wings franchise and has been successful in putting together a team of high quality, winning players;

Whereas many other individuals have contributed to the Red Wings' success, including Piet Van Zant, trainer for the Red Wings, Paul Boyer, equipment manager for the Red Wings, Al Sabotka, Building Operations Manager for Joe

Louis Arena, and Bud Lynch, legendary arena announcer for the Red Wings;

Whereas the city of Detroit is appropriately called Hockeytown, highlighting the city's loyal fans and their love for the sport;

Whereas the Red Wings have been led on the ice by Captain Nicklas Lidstrom, who has shown leadership and commitment to the team and is honored as the first NHL team captain born and trained in Europe to win the Stanley Cup;

Whereas goalie Chris Osgood posted 3 shut-outs during the playoffs and led his team to the championship series, clinching his second Stanley Cup Championship as a starting goalie and third overall and surpassing legendary Red Wings netminder Terry Sawchuck for the most career playoff wins as a Red Wing along the way;

Whereas Henrik Zetterberg was awarded the Conn Smythe Trophy as the Most Valuable Player of the Stanley Cup playoffs after tying for the most points scored in the Stanley Cup playoffs and demonstrating tremendous defensive effort and skill throughout the playoffs; and

Whereas the Red Wings' entire field of skilled players contributed to the team's success, including Henrik Zetterberg, Pavel Datsuk, Valtteri Filppula, Johan Franzen, Chris Osgood, Dallas Drake, Darren McCarty, Chris Chelios, Nicklas Lidstrom, Dominik Hasek, Kris Draper, Niklas Kronwall, Mikael Samuelsson, Jiri Hudler, Kirk Maltby, Andreas Lilja, Brad Stuart, Brett Lebda, Brian Rafalski, Tomas Kopecky, Dan Cleary, Darren Helm, and Tomas Holmstrom: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives con-
- 2 gratulates the Detroit Red Wings for winning the 2008
- 3 Stanley Cup Hockey Championship.

