

help, I'm hopeful that this will be the year that the Senate supports the House position and joins in bringing proper respect to the fighting team of the Navy and Marine Corps.

Madam Speaker, some people might ask, Why is the change so important? Isn't renaming the Department just symbolic? What's in a name?

Well, Madam Speaker, the name of the Marine Corps represents more than two centuries of service alongside the Navy.

What's in a name? The flag raising at Iwo Jima. What's in a name? Scarlet and gold; honor, courage, and commitment; and Semper Paratus. What's in a name? More than 1,000 Marines who have given their lives in serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

As symbolic as a change in the name might be, this is a matter of respect and gratitude to the Marine Corps. The Marines do not serve beneath the Navy. They are one fighting team. That is, the Marine Corps and the Navy as equal partners.

This legislation is not about changing the responsibilities of the Secretary of the Department, reallocating resources, or altering missions. General Carl Mundy, the 30th Commandant of the Marine Corps, summed up the need for this change when he said, "This action will accurately align the Secretary's title with his present-day authority and responsibilities. As is, the title is confusing. It is inconsistent with the status of the four Armed Services in the Department of Defense. And it acknowledges only two-thirds of the uniformed servicemembers in the Department."

Over the course of the Marine Corps' history, including their present-day service around the world, those three words, "and Marine Corps," have been earned through blood and sacrifice.

When the Department of the Navy writes the families of Marines who have been killed, their families deserve to receive the letter from the Department of the Navy and Marine Corps.

Madam Speaker, the Marines fighting today deserve this recognition, and those who are part of the history of the Marine Corps deserve that recognition as well.

Madam Speaker, I want to close my comments by first saying to those in Iraq and Afghanistan, I ask God to please bless our men and women in uniform. I ask God to please bless the families of our men and women in uniform. And I ask God in his loving arms to hold the families who have given a child dying for freedom in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Madam Speaker, I close three times by asking God, please God; please God; please God, continue to bless America.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. KAPTUR addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

HONORING THE CAPE COD BASEBALL LEAGUE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. DELAHUNT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DELAHUNT. Madam Speaker, I rise today so that my colleagues in the House of Representatives can join me in recognizing the Cape Cod Baseball League of Massachusetts on its 125th anniversary.

Recognized as "the" summer collegiate league in the Nation, the Cape Cod Baseball League today consists of 10 franchises in two five-team divisions. In its early years, during World War I and World War II, the league was populated largely by young GIs fresh from their service. The modern era of the league began in 1963, when it was officially sanctioned by the NCAA.

Throughout its existence, the League has promoted to the big time—"the bigs"—several Cy Young and Most Valuable Player Award winners, as well as Major Leaguers who achieved Hall of Fame status, as well as decorated scouts and managers, all of whom got their start on the fields of dreams on Cape Cod.

Entering its 125th season, the League continues to offer the most talented baseball players from across the country the opportunity to demonstrate their skills in front of Major League scouts. As the pioneer among the Nation's summer leagues—including, by the way, the use of wooden bats—the Cape Cod Baseball League is truly America's League.

Young players learn the importance of sportsmanship and teamwork not only on the diamond and in the dugout, but also through the generosity of Cape Cod families who open their homes to host these young men during the summer season.

At a time when the integrity of the game is at risk, the Cape Cod Baseball League continues to embody the golden American tradition of wholesome entertainment. Our national pastime has been kept alive in its most pure state, owing to the effort of this volunteer organization, which enables fans to enjoy games at no expense; where visions of striped socks, crackerjacks, and lemonade evoke feelings of nostalgia for the bygone days of America's favorite sport.

The Cape Cod Baseball League stands out as a national treasure that can captivate any spectator through an exciting, competitive, nine-inning baseball game.

On this historic occasion, I am proud to honor the Cape Cod Baseball League for its 125 years of success and for its well-established, beloved reputation among the Cape Cod family, both residents and tourists alike. Congratulations to the players and to the volunteers in that organization, and may you forever be "Where the Stars of Tomorrow Shine Tonight."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gen-

tleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

HONORING MR. JACK H. JONES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. BILIRAKIS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BILIRAKIS. I rise today to honor Mr. Jack H. Jones, who was recently elected Imperial Potentate of Shriners International, which makes him the highest-ranking Shriner in the world.

I want to share with my colleagues, many of whom may be unfamiliar with the work of the Shriners, what they are all about. Shriners International is a fraternity based on fun, fellowship, and the Masonic principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth. There are approximately 375,000 members from the 191 temples, or chapters, in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Panama.

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I am proud to be a Shriner and support their ongoing charitable efforts. Shriners International supports Shriners Hospitals for Children, a one-of-a-kind international health care system of 22 hospitals dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing specialty pediatric care, innovative research and outstanding teaching programs. Since 1922, Shriners Hospitals for Children have significantly improved the lives of more than 865,000 children.

Mr. Jones has been involved with Shriners for more than 30 years. He has served as Imperial Recorder, part of the body that governs the Shriners. Prior to his election to that position, he served on the Elected Divan of Egypt Shriners in Tampa, Florida. His Masonic affiliations include Egypt Shriners, Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 F.&A.M., Tampa York Rite, Tampa Scottish Rite, Red Cross of Constantine, Royal Order of Jesters, and National Sojourners. He also is a 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason.

Mr. Jones has earned many awards for his service with the Shriners, including the Benjamin Franklin Award for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, the Henry Prince Medal from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and the Andrew Jackson Medal from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. In 2006, he was presented the Imperial Potentate Award of Merit, which is the highest honor in the Shriners fraternity.

In his new position, the Imperial Potentate will serve as chairman of the Board of Directors for Shriners International and Shriners Hospital for Children. I am certain that his immeasurable talent and experience will greatly help the Shriners and the many people who benefit from their work.

Madam Speaker, I encourage all of our colleagues to congratulate Mr.