

Unfortunately, while these are Hall of Fame numbers, Shoeless Joe is not in the baseball Hall of Fame. His bat is there. His uniform is there. His shoes are there. But he is not. This is because, in 1920, "Shoeless" Joe was banned from playing baseball for life by the Commissioner for allegations that he took part in the infamous "Black Sox" scandal, allegedly throwing the 1919 World Series. In that Series, a group of New York gamblers bribed a number of players on the Chicago White Sox to throw the Series to Cincinnati.

When the news came out in 1920, the new Commissioner of Baseball, Commissioner Landis, acted swiftly. In a summary judgment, without an investigation, the Commissioner banned 8 players on the White Sox from ever playing Major League baseball again. "Shoeless" Joe was included in the ban.

While he insisted on his innocence all the way to his death bed, "Shoeless" Joe served out his sentence with dignity and honor and without rancor.

Recently, a number of baseball heroes, including Ted Williams, Bob Feller, and Tommy LaSorda have taken up the cause of restoring the honor of "Shoeless" Joe. This is a cause that has long been championed in "Shoeless" Joe's hometown of Greenville.

I had a chance this morning to talk with Ted Williams myself. What a thrill. He said he will continue to fight for "Shoeless" Joe until his last day, and he thanked all of us in Congress who are going to bat for Joe today.

I am not going to debate whether or not the Commissioner's verdict was the right thing to do. He made his decision and never reviewed it, despite the fact that Jackson was acquitted of participating in the fix twice, once in 1920 by a friendly Chicago jury, and once in 1924 by an impartial jury in Milwaukee.

In fact, the jurors in Milwaukee were asked in a special interrogatory whether "Shoeless" Joe had conspired or participated in the fix of the Series. The answer was an emphatic no.

I am also not going to debate if Jackson was given money. According to the story, "Shoeless" Joe's roommate, Lefty Williams, left \$5,000 for Jackson on his bed. Whatever the debate, four things are clear.

First, "Shoeless" Joe tried to give the money back before the Series started but was rebuffed.

Second, "Shoeless" Joe tried to inform the owner of the White Sox of the fix, but the owner refused to see him.

Third, "Shoeless" Joe offered to sit out the Series but was again rebuffed.

Fourth, and most notably, "Shoeless" Joe played to win. He led all players by hitting .375, and he had the only homerun in the Series. His fielding was flawless, throwing out several men at home plate. He set a World Series record with 12 hits, and he combined with Buck Weaver, the other player who was unfairly punished, for 13 hits, a record that stood for 60 years.

I have no doubt of "Shoeless" Joe's innocence. In the end, he proved his in-

nocence in the only way he could, with his bat and glove.

For my colleagues' information, Fox News did an excellent two-part review of the case just a month ago. I have a copy of the tape if anyone would like to see it.

In July, Ted Williams, Tommy LaSorda, and Bob Feller filed a petition with Commissioner Selig. That petition does not ask Major League Baseball to exonerate "Shoeless" Joe or even to endorse his candidacy in the Hall of Fame. To quote the petition: "Those issues are moot as he served a very difficult sentence over a long period. The Commissioner of Baseball is merely asked to acknowledge that 'Shoeless' Joe has fully paid his debt to society and to the game, that he satisfied the sentence of the first Commissioner with dignity and humility and without rancor. Because he has fulfilled his sentence, Baseball has no further call or jurisdiction over 'Shoeless' Joe."

I believe this petition provides Major League Baseball with a graceful and dignified way to finally let the issue rest and to let "Shoeless" Joe receive the honor he has long deserved.

Today, the Mayor of Greenville, Knox White, added his support by sending to the Commissioner a petition with 10,000 names signed from my home district, all pleading with the Commissioner to give Joe his rightful due.

The resolution which I have placed before the House today on behalf of the people in my district and baseball fans everywhere simply states that "Shoeless" Joe Jackson should be appropriately honored for his outstanding baseball accomplishments. Commissioner Selig has agreed to review the matter, and I have been following the review process carefully.

I appreciate the Commissioner's willingness to review this matter, and I understand a decision is imminent. I am absolutely confident that a fair and impartial review will result in "Shoeless" Joe finally being allowed to receive the honor he has long deserved and which he displayed throughout his life.

Mr. Speaker, on his death bed, "Shoeless" Joe said, "I am about to meet the biggest umpire of them all, and he knows I'm innocent."

Fifty years after his death and 80 years after the infamous Series, and after the most unfair judgment, it is time for Baseball to right a wrong and restore the honor of a good man.

I was born in Greenville, South Carolina, the same year "Shoeless" Joe died just about a mile from where he died. I am glad to be a small part in this process today, and I hope all of my colleagues will join me in supporting this resolution.

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

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT) for his comments in shedding additional light on the life of "Shoeless" Joe Jackson.

I think the thing that comes through clearly, Mr. Speaker, is that the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr.

DEMINT) and the South Carolina delegation and many others merely want to right a wrong and give someone their due.

And clearly, "Shoeless" Joe Jackson has earned, has earned, the right to be appropriately honored as the resolution states.

So I want to thank the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT) and I want to thank the South Carolina delegation because I think what we are attempting to do here today sends a clear message that, when we see wrong, we will do what we can to right it. It may be many, many years later, but we can bet our bottom dollar that there is someone who is looking at what we are doing and saying that they admire us for taking up the time, we can be doing a whole lot other things, but they are taking up the time to make sure that a wrong is made right.

And so, with that, I want to thank the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON), chairman of our committee, and the gentleman from California (Mr. WAXMAN), our ranking member, and I want to thank the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. TERRY), and I want to thank certainly the gentleman from Florida (Mr. SCARBOROUGH) in his absence, the chairman of our subcommittee.

The fact is that I think that this is a very, very good resolution. I urge all of my colleagues to vote in favor of it.

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

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 269 provides a fitting commemoration of his accomplishments as a professional baseball player. We applaud the stellar performance of Joseph Jefferson Jackson on the field and call upon all Americans to recognize his 13 years of excellence.

In a generous spirit, we encourage professional Baseball to provide "Shoeless" Joe Jackson the honors he fully deserves.

I ask the full support of all Members of this resolution.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GIBBONS). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. TERRY) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 269.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6 p.m.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 24 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GIBBONS) at 6 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will now put the question on each motion to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today in the order in which that motion was entertained.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

- H. Res. 94, by the yeas and nays;
- H.R. 2904, by the yeas and nays; and
- H. Res. 344, by the yeas and nays.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first vote in this series.

RECOGNIZING GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION BY LIVING PERSONS WHO HAVE DONATED A KIDNEY TO SAVE A LIFE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 94.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. BILLEY) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 94, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 382, nays 0, not voting 51, as follows:

[Roll No. 574]

YEAS—382

Abercrombie	Boehlert	Clyburn
Ackerman	Boehner	Coble
Allen	Bonilla	Coburn
Andrews	Bonior	Collins
Archer	Borski	Combest
Bachus	Boswell	Condit
Baird	Boucher	Conyers
Baker	Boyd	Cooksey
Baldacci	Brady (PA)	Costello
Baldwin	Brady (TX)	Coyne
Ballenger	Brown (FL)	Cramer
Barcia	Brown (OH)	Crowley
Barr	Bryant	Cubin
Barrett (NE)	Burr	Cummings
Barrett (WI)	Burton	Cunningham
Bartlett	Buyer	Danner
Barton	Camp	Davis (FL)
Bass	Campbell	Davis (IL)
Bateman	Canady	Davis (VA)
Becerra	Cannon	Deal
Bentsen	Capps	DeFazio
Bereuter	Capuano	DeGette
Berkley	Cardin	Delahunt
Berry	Castle	DeLauro
Biggart	Chabot	DeLay
Bilbray	Chambliss	DeMint
Bilirakis	Clay	Deutsch
Bliley	Clayton	Diaz-Balart
Blumenauer	Clement	Dickey

Dicks	Klink	Reynolds
Dingell	Knollenberg	Rivers
Dixon	Kolbe	Roemer
Doggett	Kucinich	Rogan
Dooley	Kuykendall	Rogers
Doolittle	LaFalce	Rohrabacher
Doyle	LaHood	Ros-Lehtinen
Dreier	Lampson	Rothman
Duncan	Lantos	Roukema
Dunn	Larson	Roybal-Allard
Edwards	Latham	Royce
Ehlers	LaTourette	Ryan (WI)
Ehrlich	Lazio	Ryun (KS)
Emerson	Leach	Sabo
Engel	Lee	Salmon
English	Levin	Sanchez
Eshoo	Lewis (CA)	Sanders
Etheridge	Lewis (KY)	Sandlin
Evans	Linder	Sawyer
Ewing	Lipinski	Saxton
Farr	LoBiondo	Schaffer
Fattah	Loftgren	Schakowsky
Filner	Lowey	Scott
Fletcher	Lucas (KY)	Sensenbrenner
Foley	Lucas (OK)	Serrano
Forbes	Luther	Shadegg
Ford	Maloney (CT)	Shaw
Fossella	Maloney (NY)	Shays
Frank (MA)	Manzullo	Sherman
Frank (NJ)	Markey	Sherwood
Frelinghuysen	Martinez	Shimkus
Galleghy	Masara	Shows
Ganske	Matsui	Shuster
Gejdenson	McCarthy (MO)	Simpson
Gekas	McCarthy (NY)	Sisisky
Gephardt	McCollum	Skeen
Gibbons	McCrery	Skelton
Gilchrest	McDermott	Slaughter
Gilman	McGovern	Smith (MI)
Gonzalez	McHugh	Smith (NJ)
Goode	McInnis	Smith (TX)
Goodlatte	McIntosh	Smith (WA)
Goodling	McIntyre	Snyder
Gordon	McKeon	Souder
Goss	McKinney	Spence
Graham	McNulty	Spratt
Green (TX)	Meehan	Stabenow
Green (WI)	Meek (FL)	Stark
Greenwood	Metcalf	Stearns
Gutierrez	Mica	Strickland
Gutknecht	Millender-	Stump
Hall (OH)	McDonald	Stupak
Hall (TX)	Miller (FL)	Sununu
Hastings (FL)	Miller, George	Sweeney
Hastings (WA)	Minge	Talent
Hayes	Mink	Tancredo
Hayworth	Mollohan	Tanner
Hefley	Moore	Tauscher
Hill (IN)	Moran (KS)	Tauzin
Hill (MT)	Moran (VA)	Taylor (MS)
Hilleary	Morella	Taylor (NC)
Hilliard	Murtha	Terry
Hinojosa	Myrick	Thompson (CA)
Hobson	Napolitano	Thompson (MS)
Hoeffel	Nethercutt	Thornberry
Holden	Ney	Thune
Holt	Northup	Thurman
Hooley	Norwood	Toomey
Horn	Nussle	Towns
Hostettler	Oberstar	Traficant
Houghton	Obey	Turner
Hoyer	Ortiz	Udall (CO)
Hulshof	Ose	Udall (NM)
Hunter	Oxley	Upton
Hutchinson	Packard	Velazquez
Hyde	Pallone	Vento
Inslee	Pastor	Visclosky
Isakson	Paul	Vitter
Istook	Payne	Walden
Jackson (IL)	Pease	Wamp
Jackson-Lee	Pelosi	Waters
(TX)	Peterson (MN)	Watkins
Jenkins	Peterson (PA)	Watt (NC)
John	Petri	Waxman
Johnson (CT)	Phelps	Weiner
Johnson, E. B.	Pickering	Weldon (FL)
Johnson, Sam	Pickett	Weldon (PA)
Jones (NC)	Pitts	Weller
Jones (OH)	Pombo	Wexler
Kanjorski	Pomerooy	Weygand
Kaptur	Porter	Whitfield
Kasich	Portman	Wicker
Kelly	Pryce (OH)	Wilson
Kennedy	Quinn	Wolf
Kildee	Radanovich	Woolsey
Kind (WI)	Rahall	Wu
King (NY)	Rangel	Wynn
Kingston	Regula	Young (AK)
Kleckza	Reyes	Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—51

Aderholt	Gillmor	Owens
Armev	Granger	Pascrell
Berman	Hansen	Price (NC)
Bishop	Herger	Ramstad
Blagojevich	Hinchev	Riley
Blunt	Hoekstra	Rodriguez
Bono	Jefferson	Rush
Callahan	Kilpatrick	Sanford
Calvert	Largent	Scarborough
Carson	Lewis (GA)	Sessions
Chenoweth-Hage	Meeks (NY)	Stenholm
Cook	Menendez	Thomas
Cox	Miller, Gary	Tiahrt
Crane	Moakley	Tierney
Everett	Nadler	Walsh
Fowler	Neal	Watts (OK)
Frost	Olver	Wise

□ 1823

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 574, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Mrs. FOWLER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 574, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GIBBONS). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for electronic voting on each additional motion to suspend the rules on which the Chair has postponed further proceedings.

OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS REAUTHORIZATION ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 2904, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2904, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 386, nays 1, not voting 46, as follows:

[Roll No. 575]

YEAS—386

Abercrombie	Bass	Borski
Ackerman	Bateman	Boswell
Allen	Becerra	Boucher
Andrews	Bentsen	Boyd
Archer	Bereuter	Brady (PA)
Bachus	Berkley	Brady (TX)
Baird	Berry	Brown (FL)
Baker	Biggart	Brown (OH)
Baldacci	Bilbray	Bryant
Baldwin	Bilirakis	Burr
Ballenger	Bishop	Burton
Barcia	Bliley	Buyer
Barr	Blumenauer	Camp
Barrett (NE)	Boehler	Campbell
Barrett (WI)	Boehner	Canady
Bartlett	Bonilla	Cannon
Barton	Bonior	Capps