

improved West Virginians' daily access to much-needed health care services, retirement benefit providers, and the like.

Further, as President Dwight Eisenhower clearly understood, our Nation's transportation network provides a critical infrastructure element for national security. In the immediate wake of the September 11th attacks, the strength of our Nation's transportation networks enabled emergency responders from various different areas to get to the crisis areas in New York, Virginia, and Pennsylvania in the most expeditious manner possible. Employing this quick response ability aided our nation in providing much-needed assistance and in coordinating the subsequent recovery efforts. ARTBA's long-standing contributions which enabled such quick response following September 11th, deserve recognition as the association celebrates this milestone.

Our Nation owes a clear debt of gratitude and commendation to the ARTBA for their continuing efforts, which have contributed to this country's great infrastructure strength.

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. PETRI) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 442.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on H.R. 5157, H. Con. Res. 402, and H. Con. Res. 442.

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

There was no objection.

CONGRATULATING THE VALLEY SPORTS AMERICAN LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL TEAM FROM LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN THE LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 516) congratulating the Valley Sports American Little League baseball team from Louisville, Kentucky, for their

outstanding performance in the Little League World Series.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 516

Whereas the Valley Sports American Little League baseball team from Louisville, Kentucky, is the first team from the United States to win the Little League World Series since 1998;

Whereas the Louisville team is the first team from Kentucky to ever reach the title game of the Little League World Series in the 56-year history of the Little League Junior Division championship;

Whereas the Louisville team has attained a select position as one of only 10 United States teams to win the Little League World Series in the last 35 years;

Whereas the members of the Louisville team demonstrated perseverance that rivals that of any adult, with a season that started in June and required winning both State and regional championships to reach the World Series;

Whereas throughout their season, the Louisville team scored 106 runs, while allowing their competition to score only 10 runs;

Whereas the Louisville team played expertly against a determined and talented Japanese team for the Little League World Series title;

Whereas the Louisville team broke multiple Little League World Series records through a single pitcher achieving 44 strikeouts and 21 scoreless innings;

Whereas the 12 players on the Louisville team are a model to the Nation's youth because of their dedication, determination, and sportsmanship;

Whereas in the legacy of world-renowned Louisville Slugger bats and Hall-of-Fame members Jim Bunning, Happy Chandler, Earl Combs, and Pee Wee Reese, the Louisville team has continued a long tradition of Kentucky contributions to the game of baseball;

Whereas the Louisville team's performance demonstrates to parents and communities throughout the Nation how athletic participation builds character and leadership in children; and

Whereas the Louisville team's spirit and camaraderie and the support of the team's family members are a testimony to baseball's ability to bring families together: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) congratulates the Valley Sports American Little League baseball team from Louisville, Kentucky, for their outstanding performance in winning the 2002 Little League World Series;

(2) recognizes Troy Osborne, the manager of the Louisville team, assistant coaches Keith Elkins and Dan Roach, and players Aaron Alvey, Justin Elkins, Ethan Henry, Alex Hornback, Wesley Jenkins, Casey Jordan, Shane Logsdon, Blaine Madden, Zachary Osborne, Jacob Remines, Josh Robinson, and Wes Walden for demonstrating excellence and character throughout a summer of little league baseball; and

(3) commends Little League Baseball for its 63-year tradition of encouraging the development of sportsmanship and confidence in youth through its sponsorship of world-class baseball.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS) and the

gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on House Resolution 516.

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

There was no objection.

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, this resolution extends heartfelt congratulations from the House of Representatives to the Valley Sports American Little League baseball team from Louisville, Kentucky, for winning the Little League World Series.

On August 25, 2002, the Valley Sports American Little League team won the 56th Little League Baseball World Series title by defeating the team from Sendai, Japan 1-0.

Mr. Speaker, the Valley Sports American Little League team is the first team from the United States to win the Little League World Series since 1998. The following is a description of the team from Louisville, Kentucky, as described by Little League Baseball:

“They may not have been the most talented team in the tournament. They may not have been the biggest or the strongest 11- and 12-year-olds in Williamsport during the last 9 days; but they had worked the hardest, dedicated themselves in ways others could not, and now the Valley Sports American Little Leaguers from Louisville, Kentucky, are the best in the world.”

Coaches and players alike have achieved something very few have. This is an accomplishment that will be with them for the rest of their lives, and it is in the finest tradition of Kentucky baseball.

Perhaps one of these days one of these young players will follow Kentucky's Hall of Famer, Jim Bunning, and serve in the House and the U.S. Senate. But I am sure that they will all be a credit to their country, to Kentucky, to Louisville, and to their families. They have started out well.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate that the House recognize the dedicated work and outstanding accomplishments of Valley Sports American Little League Baseball team from Louisville, Kentucky. The Louisville team's performance demonstrates to parents and communities throughout the Nation how