

an able political voice in Southern Missouri for more than half a century, and she was known far outside the boundaries of Doniphan, MO, her home sweet home.

Dorothy missed only one Republican national convention between 1952 to 2000, and not only did she attend, but she was an active participant. She attended numerous State Lincoln Days over the years, traveling from Doniphan to St. Louis, Kansas City or Springfield and one year, after vacationing in Florida, she decided she just couldn't miss it, so she took a bus by herself from Florida to Kansas City. Although Dorothy didn't have a plan on how to get back to Doniphan, she just knew someone would be there from Southern Missouri and she could ride home with them!

I also recall many wonderful Labor Day parades in Doniphan: Dorothy was always there recruiting people to ride the floats or helping with the decorations. One year, it rained so hard they canceled the parade, but Dorothy, ever the patriot, decided it was a shame to waste all our time and effort, so we had our own parade down Walnut Street.

Dorothy Burford's father, T.L. Wright, started a lumber company in Doniphan which later became the T.L. Sand & Concrete, Co. Dorothy graduated from Stephens College in Columbia, MO, and, being the oldest of 8 children, took over the business when her father died in 1928. Not only was it a rare thing for a woman to graduate college in the 1920's, it was even more infrequent that a woman would take over the family business. Dorothy proved herself quite capable, however. She oversaw the completion of one of T.L.'s greatest projects: the first concrete bridge over the Current River. A year later when the bridge was ready to open, instead of doing the usual ribbon cutting, Dorothy pulled on her riding boots and jumped off the bridge.

Once again, Dorothy showed us a different way of doing things. I am still among the many who feel she was too soon taken from us, even at her estimable age of 102. All of these memories and stories about Dorothy only begin to scratch the surface of her drive, her determination, and her individuality. She was a principled, thoughtful, inspiring woman I am proud to call my friend. She will be greatly missed, but through her legendary legacy, I have no doubt she will live on.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE
AND POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS
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TIONAL CHEMISTRY WEEK

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 7, 2005

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 457, a resolution that supports the endeavors of the American Chemical Society to unite businesses, schools, and individuals in celebrating the importance of chemistry in the lives of Americans.

Scientists have led us in the pursuit of discovery and innovation, which has helped make America a great nation. In order to educate the next generation of scientists, in my congressional district local school districts and colleges are actively working to educate future chemists. It will be this generation of students who will lead our society to the next frontiers of science.

I applaud the efforts of the American Chemical Society to educate elementary and secondary school students about the positive effects of chemistry and to encourage them to consider chemistry as a career.

Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in recognizing the goals of National Chemistry Week, and I urge them to support this very worthwhile resolution.

HOUSTON ASTROS, 2005 NATIONAL
LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, this October, for the first time in Major League Baseball history, the city of Houston, Texas was represented in the World Series. The Houston Astros, a team that I have followed since their days as the Colt .45s, completed an extraordinary season by facing the Chicago White Sox in the Fall Classic. Although Houston fell short of a World

Championship, they achieved a level of success that had never before been seen by the organization or their fans. I join all of Texas in recognizing the players, Owner and CEO Drayton McLane, Jr., General Manager Tim Lincecum, Manager Phil Garner, also known as "Scrap Iron," and the entire Houston Astros organization for their outstanding performance in 2005.

The city of Houston was awarded a Major League franchise on October 17, 1960. The team, then known as the Colt .45s, began play in the 1962 season. With the opening of the Houston Astrodome in 1965, the Colt .45s became the Astros, and they have been recognized by that name for the past 40 years. Led by players such as Cesar Cedeno, Joe Niekro, Larry Dierker, Nolan Ryan—baseball's all-time strikeout king, Mike Scott—Houston's first Cy Young Award winner, Jose Cruz, Jeff Bagwell, Craig Biggio and the other "Killer B's," Houston has been a first-class franchise over the course of four decades. While reaching the playoffs in six of the past nine years, the Astros have proven their skill on the diamond and in the front office.

With the addition of hometown heroes Roger Clemens and Andy Pettitte to their already impressive roster, the Astros reached the National League Championship Series in 2004. Expectations were high going into 2005, but the team faced several roadblocks to begin the season. By the end of May, the Astros were 15 games below .500 and had been written off by many baseball fans and members of the media. Those doubters could not have been more wrong. Houston emerged as the most dangerous team in baseball over the last four months of the season, making a historic run to the World Series.

Whether it was timely hitting by veteran Craig Biggio, a towering home run by breakout star Morgan Ensberg, or nearly flawless pitching performances by Roy Oswalt, Andy Pettitte and the incomparable Roger Clemens, the Houston Astros solidified their status as one of the league's elite teams. I join the city of Houston and the great state of Texas in congratulating the Houston Astros for their remarkable 2005 season, the greatest in franchise history.