

strong, sustained efforts of the entire Celtics team, including Kendrick Perkins and a bench of tenacious and talented players such as Eddie House, James Posey, P.J. Brown, Sam Cassell, Tony Allen, Glen Davis, and Brian Scalabrine enabled the Celtics to return to the glory that has marked much of the franchise's history;

Whereas Celtics owners Wyc Grousbeck, Steve Pagliuca, H. Irving Grousbeck, and Bob Epstein, along with Executive Director of Basketball Operations Danny Ainge, Head Coach Doc Rivers, and the entire Celtics roster and coaching staff have earned a special place in Boston sports history; and

Whereas the Celtics have joined with the Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots to transform Boston from "Beantown" to "Titletown", as the 3 teams have won a combined 6 championships in 6 years: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That it is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the 2007–2008 National Basketball Association (NBA) World Champions, the Boston Celtics, are to be congratulated for an outstanding and historic season;

(2) the Celtics, in winning a record 17th NBA World Championship, capped a remarkable, unprecedented single-season turnaround that captivated basketball fans across America and around the world; and

(3) the hustle, team defense, and overall unselfish play of the 2007–2008 Celtics are emblematic of the "Celtic Pride" tradition that has been a hallmark of the franchise for more than half a century, and serves as a model for coaches and players everywhere.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

NATIONAL ESTATE PLANNING AWARENESS WEEK

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 1499) designating the third week of October as "National Estate Planning Awareness Week," and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

There was no objection.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1499

Whereas it is estimated that over 120,000,000 Americans do not have up-to-date estate plans to protect themselves or their families in the event of sickness, accidents, or untimely death;

Whereas a 2004 Roper poll commissioned by the American Institute for Certified Public Accountants found that two-thirds of Americans over age 65 believe they lack the knowledge necessary to adequately plan for retirement, and nearly one half of all Americans are unfamiliar with basic retirement tools, such as a 401(k) plan;

Whereas careful estate planning can greatly assist Americans in preserving assets built over a lifetime for the benefit of family, heirs, or charities;

Whereas estate planning involves many considerations, including safekeeping of im-

portant documents, documentation of assets, operation of law in the various States, preparation of legal instruments, insurance, availability of trust arrangements, charitable giving, inter vivos care of the benefactor, and other important factors;

Whereas estate planning encourages timely decisions about the method of holding title to certain assets, the designation of beneficiaries, and the possible transfer of assets during the life of the benefactor;

Whereas many Americans are unaware that lack of estate planning and "financial illiteracy" may cause their assets to be disposed of to unintended parties by default through the complex process of probate;

Whereas alternatives to disposition of assets after death, such as planned gift-giving, may accomplish a benefactor's goal of providing for his or her family and favorite charities;

Whereas careful planning can prevent family members or other beneficiaries from being subjected to complex legal and administrative processes requiring significant expenditure of time, and greatly reduce confusion or even animosity among family members or other heirs upon the death of a loved one;

Whereas important considerations as to donation of organs and use of life support functions may be made through the estate planning process;

Whereas the implementation of an estate plan starts with sound education and planning, and then may require the proper drafting and execution of appropriate legal documents, including wills, trusts, and durable powers of attorney for health care;

Whereas the third week of October should be designated as "National Estate Planning Awareness Week"; and

Whereas the National Association of Estate Planners and Councils, representing over 28,000 estate planning professionals, together with the Universal Press Syndicate, the largest independent newspaper syndicate in the world, are prepared to provide such educational information to the public in a focused manner during National Estate Planning Awareness Week: Now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) encourages the distribution of estate planning information by professionals to all Americans; and

(2) supports the designation of a "National Estate Planning Awareness Week".

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HARRY LEE POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 5932) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2801 Manhattan Boulevard in Harvey, Louisiana, as the "Harry Lee Post Office Building," and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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

There was no objection.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 5932

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. HARRY LEE POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2801 Manhattan Boulevard in Harvey, Louisiana, shall be known and designated as the "Harry Lee Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Harry Lee Post Office Building".

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW DEAL

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 360) recognizing the important social and economic contributions and accomplishments of the New Deal to our Nation on the 75th anniversary of legislation establishing the initial New Deal social and public works programs, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

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

There was no objection.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

H. CON. RES. 360

Whereas this year marks the 75th anniversary of the "First Hundred Days", from March 4, 1933, to June 16, 1933, which was an unprecedented period of legislative action that engendered the programs that constituted the New Deal;

Whereas the New Deal was a set of programs and policies with the purpose of promoting economic recovery, as well as social and financial reform, during a time of severe economic and social distress due to conditions created by the Great Depression;

Whereas the New Deal established Federal programs to address these issues, including the Civilian Conservation Corps, Works Progress Administration, Public Works Administration, National Youth Administration, Home Owners Loan Corporation, Tennessee Valley Authority, and the Rural Electric Administration;

Whereas these programs left behind a massive public works and architectural legacy;

Whereas the United States continues to benefit from infrastructure projects built as a result of the New Deal, including numerous schools, hospitals, courthouses, libraries, city halls, fire houses, housing, public health facilities, roads, bridges, airports, sewer and water systems, flood control projects, dams, trails, parks, playgrounds, and zoos;

Whereas these infrastructure projects employed millions of individuals who planted more than 3,000,000,000 trees and constructed or repaired 650,000 miles of public roads, 125,000 public buildings, 75,000 bridges, 8,000 parks, 800 airports, and a number of sewage disposal plants;