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Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in congratulations of the 2001–2002 Stanley Cup Champion Detroit Red Wings.

Although history will be the final judge, the Detroit Red Wings are already being considered one of the greatest hockey teams ever assembled. Led by the winningest coach in NHL history, a team made up of truly great players—more than half a dozen prospective Hall of Famers and a rookie class with seemingly boundless potential—the Red Wings are a team that is greater than the sum of its parts. If there is one thing that can be said about the team, it's that they could never be counted out.

Throughout the year and the playoffs, the stars stepped up and led when leadership was needed, and when the veterans had difficulties, the rookies came through when it really mattered. Under Scotty Bowman, the Red Wings came together with an offense as quick and precise as a surgeon's scalpel, and a defense as tenacious as the octopus that we in Detroit have adopted as our symbol for the playoffs.

The Red Wings have shown themselves to be outstanding role models both on and off the ice. They embody the values of teamwork, discipline and dignity, and their involvement with the community has brought it together. For our young people becoming passionate about the sport of hockey, they couldn't look up to a better group of players.

And so today I join with my colleagues in congratulating the Detroit Red Wings for their Stanley Cup victory. This team has guts, determination and finesse. Sports Illustrated has called them the New York Yankees of Hockey, but I'm not so sure that's appropriate. They're the Detroit Red Wings of Hockey, and that speaks volumes more.

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the Representatives for bringing up H. Res. 452, a resolution that I, along with support from the entire Michigan delegation, introduced congratulating the Red Wings on a tremendous year that culminated in winning the 2002 Stanley Cup Championship.

As a native Detroiter, I am so proud of the Red Wings for bringing the Stanley Cup back to the City of Detroit and the State of Michigan. They showed true heart, dominance, skill, and tenacity throughout regular and post-season play in the National Hockey League. More importantly, they showed all of us that anything is possible with hard work, determination, and a strong team spirit. The Red Wings are true champions.

Thank you to head coach Scotty Bowman, who led the Red Wings to their third Stanley

Cup under his leadership, with the back to back wins in 1997 and 1998. I wish, Mr. Bowman, "the Winningest Coach in Hockey," all the best in his retirement and thank him for all that he has brought to this great sport. Congratulations to President and team owner Mike Ilitch and his wife, Marian, who have shown steadfast support for the team and the City of Detroit and have been owners of the Red Wings franchise since 1982. Their commitment to the team and the City rings true everyday.

For all hockey fans out there and for anyone that knows even a little bit about hockey, clinching the Stanley Cup is no easy feat. The Red Wings went through four grueling playoff rounds and defeated four very competitive and skilled teams to win the Cup, including the 2001 Stanley Cup Championships, the Colorado Avalanche in the Western Conference finals, and the valiant Carolina Hurricanes in the Stanley Cup finals.

The Red Wings faced strong opposition, but showed their true grit and skill every step of the way, getting stronger as each playoff series progressed. All the players on the Red Wings contributed to the team's success. Deservedly, each player will have his name engraved on the Stanley Cup, which is considered to be the most coveted sports trophy in North America.

I would like to thank my Michigan colleagues for cosponsoring this resolution. We congratulate the Detroit Red Wings on an awesome year. Way to go Red Wings! Hockeytown is proud.

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the entire Detroit Red Wings organization for winning the 2002 Stanley Cup on June 13, 2002, and collecting their 10th Cup by defeating the Eastern Conference Champion Carolina Hurricanes. After 82 games, followed by perhaps the most grueling playoff setup in professional sports, the Red Wings proved once again that talent and experience could triumph over more youthful competition.

Marian and Mike Ilitch, the owners of the Red Wings and community leaders in Detroit, have once again returned Lord Stanley's Cup to "Hockeytown," where it rightfully belongs. I would like to thank the Ilitch family for their dedication to the city of Detroit, State of Michigan, and to all Red Wings fans.

Red Wings fans are indebted to retiring head coach Scotty Bowman, who has brought the Red Wings to the playoffs 7 times in the last 8 years, won three Stanley Cups in the past 6 years, and who, with this year's victory, has earned his ninth Stanley Cup victory, surpassing his mentor Joe Blake for the most championships in National Hockey League history. This is truly an amazing accomplishment and I wish him well in his retirement.

Finally, I express my congratulations to the Red Wings players for their incredible season, and for showing all of us how to perform under great pressure. I applaud the hard work and dedication which made this victory possible, and would offer my personal appreciation on behalf of Michigan's 16th Congressional District, to Captain Steve Yzerman, Brett Hull, Igor Larionov, Brendan Shanahan, Luc Robitaille, Sergei Federov, Darren McCarty, Chris Chelios, Niklas Lidstrom, Dominik Hasek, Kris Draper, Jiri Fischer, Jesse Wallin, Uwe Krupp, Mathieu Dandenault, Pavel Datsyuk, Ladislav Kohn,

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Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of congratulating the Detroit Red Wings for winning the 2002 Stanley Cup Hockey Championship.

As one of the Original Six hockey clubs, the Red Wings have proven time and time again that they are one of hockey's premiere franchises of all time. With their three to one victory over the Carolina Hurricanes in game five of the 2002 Stanley Cup Finals, the Wings clinched their third Stanley Cup in six years, totaling an impressive ten Cups since the team became a franchise in 1926. With a record like that, it makes sense that Detroit has come to be known as Hockeytown USA.

So congratulations and a special farewell go to Red Wing coach Scotty Bowman, who announced his retirement just before Steve Yzerman handed him the Cup after the final game. Congratulations also to Mike Ilitch and Jimmy Devallano for putting this team together. Congratulations, obviously, to captain Steve Yzerman, to the playoff MVP Niklas Lidstrom, to Brendan Shanahan, to goalie Dominik Hasek, and to all the members of this great club for bringing yet another of Lord Stanley's coveted chalices to Hockeytown. And congratulations to the Detroit fans that stood behind their team through it all. Mr. Speaker, we have done it again.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SHAYS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, House Resolution 452.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

BLACKWATER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE EXPANSION ACT

Mr. GILCHREST. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4807) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the property in Cecil County, Maryland, known as Garrett Island for inclusion in the Susquehanna National Wildlife Refuge, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 4807

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge Expansion Act".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds the following:

(1) Garrett Island, located at the mouth of the Susquehanna River in Cecil County, Maryland, is a microcosm of the geology and geography of the region, including hard rock piedmont, coastal plain, and volcanic formations.

(2) Garrett Island is the only rocky island in the tidal waters of the Chesapeake.

(3) Garrett Island and adjacent waters provide high-quality habitat for bird and fish species.

(4) Garrett Island contains significant archeological sites reflecting human history and prehistory of the region.

SEC. 3. AUTHORITY TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY FOR INCLUSION IN THE SUSQUEHANNA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.

(a) **ACQUISITION.**—The Secretary of the Interior may use otherwise available amounts to acquire the area known as Garrett Island, consisting of approximately 198 acres located at the mouth of the Susquehanna River in Cecil County, Maryland.

(b) **ADMINISTRATION.**—Lands and interests acquired by the United States under this section shall be managed by the Secretary as the Garrett Island Unit of the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge.

(c) **PURPOSES.**—The purposes for which the Garrett Island Unit is established and shall be managed are the following:

(1) To support the Delmarva Conservation Corridor Demonstration Program.

(2) To conserve, restore, and manage habitats as necessary to contribute to the migratory bird populations prevalent in the Atlantic Flyway.

(3) To conserve, restore, and manage the significant aquatic resource values associated with submerged land adjacent to the unit and to achieve the habitat objectives of the agreement known as the Chesapeake 2000 Agreement.

(4) To conserve the archeological resources on the unit.

(5) To provide public access to the unit in a manner that does not adversely impact natural resources on and around the unit.

The **SPEAKER pro tempore**. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. GILCHREST) and the gentleman from the Virgin Islands (Mrs. CHRISTENSEN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. GILCHREST).

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

I am pleased to present this legislation to the House of Representatives to expand the boundaries of Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, which is located in my Congressional District in Maryland.

Garrett Island, which consists of approximately 198 acres, was the site of Maryland's second settlement in the 1600s. It is the only rocky island in the tidal waters of the Chesapeake Bay system, and it is a vital link between the Susquehanna River and the Chesapeake Bay. It also provides habitat to 44 different bird species, including eagles, common loons, tundra swans, and 14 kinds of ducks.

I have visited Garrett Island a number of times, and there is no question that its rich history, geographic location and wildlife resource values make it an excellent candidate for inclusion

within the National Wildlife Refuge system. As a Nation, we can ill afford to allow unique places like Garrett Island to be lost forever.

While I was disappointed to hear the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's initial reaction to the idea was that it opposed its inclusion, I am pleased they will be visiting the island next month to evaluate its trust resources. I am confident that once a comprehensive review has been concluded, as promised by the end of the summer, the service will join me in enthusiastically urging the protection of Garrett Island.

The Cecil Land Trust has done everything they can to protect the important property, contributing \$150,000 toward the purchase of the island. And based on our hearing, Federal acquisition costs would be less than \$400,000, and little, if any, maintenance or personnel will be required for the future of this inclusion.

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation had it right when they wrote that steps must be taken to ensure protection of this largely unspoiled historical and geological gem. I would urge my colleagues to vote aye on H.R. 4807. This is an important and necessary inclusion in our National Wildlife Refuge system, which will celebrate its hundredth birthday next year.

This is exactly the type of place that Teddy Roosevelt had in mind when the unique system of public lands was created.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

(Mrs. CHRISTENSEN asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, we on this side have no objection to this legislation that would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire Garrett Island for its future inclusion as part of the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge in Maryland.

Certainly the protection of the last undeveloped island in the lower reach of the Susquehanna River is a positive step toward preserving the remaining fish and wildlife habitat found near the headwaters of the Chesapeake Bay. I want to applaud the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. GILCHREST) for this bill and for his leadership on this subcommittee on this and many other issues.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has voiced some minor reservations concerning the legislation, as we have just heard. These concerns are mostly due to the administration's ongoing effort to reevaluate current land acquisition policies governing the refuge system. However, the technical changes made to the bill, I think, will help to address these minor concerns. And the relatively low cost of acquisition should warrant a new assessment of Garrett Island by the Fish and Wildlife Service. The island is deserving of the

service's full and unbiased consideration.

H.R. 4807 is a noncontroversial bill. I also urge all Members to support this legislation to help protect fish and wildlife habitat in the Chesapeake Bay.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. GILCHREST. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume to mention just one other item.

There is a family in Cecil County, the Kilbys, that live and work on a dairy farm, and they have been strong supporters of the concept of Garrett Island being included in the National Wildlife Refuge system. There are broad and varied opportunities for this island to be included, and so I urge not only my colleagues to vote aye on this legislation, but I also urge the Interior Department, when they are visiting the island, to recognize those varied opportunities.

The United States often sends biologists, zoologists, ornithologists, you name it, to vast areas of the world to study ecosystems. We have in our backyard, here in Maryland, a magnificent Chesapeake Bay watershed ecosystem, and this island can be one of those facilities that will be included in what could be known as an island corridor in the Chesapeake Bay so that people from the University of Maryland or the Baltimore Zoo or the Baltimore Aquarium, or other universities and community colleges and even high schools do not have to travel to Brazil or Southeast Asia or regions of Africa to show their interns or their students the kinds of ecosystems that make communities drive. They can send them to the island corridor, Garrett Island being the jewel of that concept.

So I urge my colleagues to vote for this legislation. I also want to thank the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands for her support and the staff for their work on this legislation.

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

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. 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 Maryland (Mr. GILCHREST) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4807, as amended.

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

The title of the bill was amended so as to read:

"A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the property in Cecil County, Maryland, known as Garrett Island for inclusion in the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.