

would be the order of the day. True to his reverence for our system of government, and his respect and admiration for the institution he now serves in, JOHN initiated this idea in response to calls for a return to civility in the House of Representatives. It is a testament to his skill and effectiveness that this legislation garnered 313 cosponsors, including both the Speaker of the House, Mr. HASTERT, and the House Minority Leader, Mr. GEPHARDT, and was adopted by the House in just a little over four months from its introduction on June 22 of this year. The United States Senate is deeply indebted to our distinguished colleague, Senator ROBERT C. BYRD, for his considerable efforts to preserve the history of the Senate through his four-volume history. The House of Representatives, and students of government across this Nation, will be indebted to JOHN LARSON for his efforts as well.

I am privileged to count JOHN as a friend and an advisor and I commend him on the enactment of this, his first, legislative initiative. It is an honor for me, as the Ranking Member of the Committee on Rules and Administration, to play a small role in assisting his efforts to preserve the rich history of the House of Representatives for future generations. I urge the adoption of this legislation.

Mrs. HUTCHISON. I ask unanimous consent the bill be read three times, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 2303) was read the third time and passed.

#### REMOVAL OF INJUNCTION OF SECRECY—TREATY DOCUMENT NO. 106-15

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent the injunction of secrecy be removed from the following convention transmitted to the Senate on October 29, 1999, by the President of the United States:

Tax Convention with Ireland (Treaty Document No. 106-15).

I further ask the convention be considered as having been read the first time; that it be referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations, and ordered to be printed; and that the President's message be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The message of the President is as follows:

*To the Senate of the United States:*

I transmit herewith for Senate advice and consent to ratification the Convention Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Ireland for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal

Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital Gains signed at Dublin on July 28, 1997. The Convention, which was negotiated pursuant to the Senate's resolution of October 31, 1997, granting advice and consent to the 1997 Convention, modifies the tax treatment of dividends received from Real Estate Investment Trusts.

I recommend that the Senate give early and favorable consideration to this Convention and give its advice and consent to ratification.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, October 29, 1999.

#### RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE NEW YORK YANKEES

Mrs. HUTCHISON. I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 210, recognizing and honoring the New York Yankees, introduced earlier today by Senators SCHUMER and MOYNIHAN.

I will withhold my objection and make it a unanimous consent request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 210) recognizing and honoring the New York Yankees.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, it is with great pride that I rise today with my distinguished colleagues, Senator MOYNIHAN and Senator LIEBERMAN, to introduce a resolution honoring one of the greatest franchises in American sports history, the New York Yankees, or as so many of us endearingly refer to them as—the Bronx Bombers.

Having grown up in New York during the 1950's, I am full of fond memories of a team that as a child I idolized. After school, time after time, I rode the dynamite D train with my friends from Sheepshead Bay to Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, sitting in the bleachers eating hot dogs and munching on peanuts, watching my idol Mickey Mantle play like no one else could, then returning home happy as a kid could be, all for less than three dollars. At that time, the only thing in life I wanted to be was Mickey Mantle. Since I never reached that achievement, it is only proper for me to honor the team in which he became a baseball icon.

The Yankee were then, and are now, the toast of the town. They have become a franchise synonymous with greatness, a team full of heroes, playing in the greatest city in the world. Players such as Babe Ruth, Mickey Mantle, Joe DiMaggio, Yogi Berra, and Lou Gehrig are some of the many Yankee legends of the past. Players like Bernie Williams, Derek Jeter, and David Cone are our Yankee legends of the future. The Yankees are typified by character, commitment and achievement, values that represent all that is great about baseball, the State of New York, and America. I can still remem-

ber listening to one of the greatest games of all time, Don Larsen's perfect game in Game 5 of the 1956 World Series. But the memories do not stop there, five years later in 1961 Roger Maris hit a then-astonishing 61 home runs, breaking the previous record of 60 set by the legendary Babe Ruth.

Sixteen Hall of Famers, countless no-hitters, and 25 World Championships later, I stand before you to honor an American icon, a team of this century, and also the next, the New York Yankees.

Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, it is with considerable glee that I rise today to commend a true titan of our national pastime, the New York Yankees, who earlier this week cemented their legacy as the preeminent dynasty of 20th century American sports.

The Yankees four-game sweep of the Atlanta Braves in this year's World Series earned the franchise its 25th championship of the 1900s, proving that the Yankees belong right up there with Uncle Sam and Mom's apple pie as inspirational symbols of America's greatness.

In Connecticut, the loyalties of baseball fans are split between the Yankees, the New York Mets, and the Boston Red Sox. This made the 1999 Major League Baseball season truly memorable, as all three teams advanced to their respective league championships and vied for the pennant.

I confess that I was once a Brooklyn Dodgers backer, but I have been cheering the Bronx Bombers for decades—since my eldest son, Matt, caught Yankee fever at an early age. Some of my fondest memories are watching games at Yankee Stadium with my family. Yet I cannot recall any of the teams' accomplishments being more impressive or fun to watch than this world championship, the Yankees' third in four years, capping a string of World Series triumphs that dates back to 1923.

I tip my pinstripe cap to Manager Joe Torre, Series MVP Mariano Rivera, the indomitable Roger Clements, Orlando "El Duque" Hernandez, the valiant Paul O'Neill, the heroic Chad Curtis, and the entire Yankees organization for their inspirational and dominating play this October. The Yankees' remarkable success has brought untold joy to their neighbors in Connecticut.

Mrs. HUTCHISON. I ask unanimous consent the resolution and preamble be agreed to en bloc, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mrs. HUTCHISON. I also add, the Texas Rangers will rise again.

The resolution (S. Res. 210) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 210

Whereas the New York Yankees is 1 of the greatest sports franchises ever;