

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION—LEASE—DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives. That pursuant to title 40 U.S.C. § 3307, appropriations are authorized to lease up to approximately 1,140,000 rentable square feet of space for the Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service, Service Center currently located at 2306 Bannister Road, 1500 East Bannister Road, and five leased locations in the Kansas City metropolitan area, at a proposed total annual cost of \$34,200,000 for a lease term of fifteen years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

The General Services Administration is further authorized to negotiate renewal options, provided, that no option shall be exercised by the General Services Administration without obtaining further authorization from the Committee.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to execution of the new lease.

Provided, That the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

There was no objection.

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SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BURNS). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 2003, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM REPEATS AS NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. RAMSTAD) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. RAMSTAD. Mr. Speaker, the University of Minnesota men's hockey team did it again. During our spring recess, Minnesota defeated New Hampshire 5 to 1 to win its second consecutive NCAA championship, the first time a team has repeated as NCAA hockey champion in 31 years.

Mr. Speaker, the key to these back-to-back titles has been hard work by talented athletes, superior coaching by Coach Don Lucia and his great staff, and the greatest fans in hockey anywhere.

In the title game, Minnesota and New Hampshire were tied 1 to 1 until the final period, but a three-goal outburst over 5 minutes and 20 seconds of the third period iced the team's second consecutive national championship.

Minnesota has a long and proud hockey tradition as the hockey capital of the world, and all Minnesotans are extremely proud of our national champion, Golden Gophers.

Unlike most repeat champions, Mr. Speaker, this one came as somewhat of a surprise. The Gophers started the season slowly, but that is to be ex-

pected of a team that lost so many players after beating Maine in overtime in last year's title game.

But thanks to Coach Lucia's inspiring leadership, great motivational skills and good chemistry, this year's team started gathering steam as players returned to the lineup from injuries. Each player, coach, trainer and manager played a pivotal role during the season, picking each other up at critical times.

Our University of Minnesota's men's hockey team also won the WCHA, the Western Collegiate Hockey Association, tournament on the road to its second consecutive national title.

Mr. Speaker, all Minnesotans and Gopher hockey fans everywhere are very proud of this great team. The 2002-2003 Gopher men's hockey team, our back-to-back national champions, are now part of college hockey history. We congratulate our national champions, for they are true champions, both on and off the ice.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker will the gentleman yield?

Mr. RAMSTAD. I am glad to yield to the gentleman from hockey-rich Duluth, Minnesota.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for taking this special order, and I join him in paying tribute to the University of Minnesota Gopher men's hockey team back-to-back championships. The gentleman made a splendid case. We are proud of the men's hockey team.

But I also want to point out that the University of Minnesota-Duluth women's hockey team for the third consecutive year has won the NCAA hockey championship, trumping the men. It is a great tribute to our State that in the final frozen four in both the women's and men's hockey, our University of Minnesota teams have prevailed. That is a tribute to the great tradition of hockey in the northern part of our State, as well as in the gentleman's part of the State, an area that he now represents in Anoka County, that has a splendid four or more hockey rinks training the future champions.

Mr. RAMSTAD. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, I thank the gentleman for his comments, for his great support of University of Minnesota athletics, both in Minneapolis and Duluth, and I was just as proud to support the Gopher women's team, the University of Minnesota-Duluth, as I am here today. Both are great teams, and that is why Minnesota, as the gentleman knows, is the hockey capital of the world.

HONORING AVIATION'S PIONEER WOMEN OF COLOR

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, May 3, 2003, the Chicago "DODO" Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen,

Incorporated, in concert with Black Pilots of America will honor three of Aviation's Pioneer African American Women of Color, Bessie Coleman, Willa Beatrice Brown and Janet Harmon, at a ceremony to be held on Saturday, May 3, at the Lincoln Cemetery, 123rd and Kedzie Avenue in Chicago.

I shall be pleased to join Mr. Rufus Hunt, aviation historian, and this group of aviation enthusiasts, flyers, former flyers, mechanics and others who love to fly and have dedicated themselves to keeping the legacy of these three women alive.

Bessie Coleman was the first African American female pilot. She grew up in poverty and discrimination, came to Chicago from Texas, decided that she wanted to fly, and, with encouragement from Robert Abbott, who was the owner of the Chicago Daily Defender newspaper, she was able to put together resources, go to Paris, go to France and learn to fly, which she did.

She returned to America as a heroine, flew many exhibitions, and ultimately though was unfortunately killed in an accident when a wrench got caught in the gears of her plane and she did not have her seat belt on and she was thrown out of the plane, and, unfortunately, died.

There is a Bessie Coleman Drive at O'Hare Airport in Chicago that has been dedicated in her memory, and, of course, she has been placed on a stamp by the United States Post Office.

Janet Harmon Bragg was born in Griffin, Georgia, grew up with her siblings, decided that she wanted to fly and ultimately was the first African American woman to get a commercial pilot's license.

Willa Brown, an African American woman, ended up purchasing her own airplane, as well as organizing groups and clubs and organizations promoting flying.

Mr. Speaker, all three of these women made tremendous contributions to the field of aviation, and every year people from the Tuskegee Airmen and other pilots groups fly over Bessie Coleman's grave. They have done this since 1931, and it is a way of paying tribute to women of color and the contributions that they have made to aviation. I commend them for this effort, for keeping these legacies alive.

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