

Tonight I rise in recognition of the Rochester A's who won the American Legion World Series Championship in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, just a few weeks ago. Utilizing imagination, skill, and a whole lot of moxie, these kids made an improbable journey, becoming only the fourth team from Minnesota in the series' 77-year history to win this prestigious championship.

The A's made the most of their God-given skills to beat long odds and finished an astonishing 52 and 5. Perhaps the most difficult of the 52 victories in route to the ALWS was a rain delayed victory over a tough New Ulm team who was also from southern Minnesota. During an overnight rain delay pitcher Mike Badger and shortstop Danny Lyons devised a scheme in their hotel room. With a score of 6 to 4, a runner on second with the tying run at the plate with a 3 and 1 count, Badger would pick off the runner without ever throwing a pitch. With a trademark bit of tweaking, Coach Kangas suggested that Badger should throw a strike first making the count full, encouraging the runner to lean just a little heavier toward third base. Badger obliged, and then picked off the runner, sending the A's to the World Series.

Every game had a story of its own. I congratulate coaches Keith Kangas and Tony Beck, and all of the players and the team manager for their national championship season. For all of us who have ever tossed a ball around the backyard or taken a position on a baseball diamond, the A's are an inspiration, and I say congratulations.

Legion ball is a slice of Americana. There are no million dollar contracts. They play for the love of the game. In the play "Damn Yankees!" one of the immortal songs is "You gotta have heart." Well, this was a team with

heart. These truly were the boys of summer.

Mr. Speaker, secondly, I would like to pay a tribute to those on September 11.

Freedom loving Americans will gather across our great land to remember the heroes lost on September 11, 2001. Nothing we can say will adequately lighten the burden borne by so many. The best we can say is we will never forget. Wrapping ourselves in the cloak of freedom, we can become comfortable and complacent, but our greater purpose is to share it with the world. President Reagan said it is up to us to work together for progress and humanity so that our grandchildren when they look back at us can truly say we not only preserved the flame of freedom, but cast its warmth and light further than those who came before us.

Out of the ashes of hatred, Americans held up the lamp of liberty, casting its light throughout the world. Each generation has its own charge. Ours is to bring freedom to those who have never known it. Ours is to bring hope and opportunity where none exists. Ours is to share our goodness so others can be great. May God comfort those who hearts still ache. May he continue to bless America and all who defend her.

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#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and September 11 on account of personal reasons.

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#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. MCGOVERN) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. MCGOVERN, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. NADLER, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mrs. MALONEY, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. WEINER, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. OWENS, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ENGEL, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. BISHOP of New York, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HINCHEY, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. HOLT, for 5 minutes, today.  
Ms. DELAURO, for 5 minutes, today.  
Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. MEEHAN, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. SHERMAN, for 5 minutes, today.  
Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. SESSIONS) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. PAUL, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. BURGESS, for 5 minutes, September 11.  
Mr. HUNTER, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, September 11.

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#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. Trandahl, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly an enrolled bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 1668. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 101 North Fifth Street in Muskogee, Oklahoma, as the "Ed Edmondson United States Courthouse".