

Regular season scoring champion Evgeni Malkin won MVP honors by leading all playoff scorers, and goalie Marc-Andre Fleury once again proved he belonged among the game's elites with his dominating performance in net.

Head Coach Dan Bylsma took over in midseason when the team was out of playoff contention and led them not only to the playoffs but to a championship. And in winning the title, Sidney Crosby became the youngest team captain to hoist the Stanley Cup in the 115-year history of the trophy.

As in all successful organizations, the leadership of the Penguins starts at the top. The incomparable Mario Lemieux will now have his name engraved on the Cup for the third time, this time as team owner. Just as he did when he came into the league as a player, Mario Lemieux took control of a franchise threatened by bankruptcy and relocation. But from that, he built a championship team that leads the league in television ratings, merchandise sales, and sellouts.

Yes, Madam Speaker, these Penguins can fly. Congratulations go out to the entire organization for completing the hat trick of champions, winning their third straight Stanley Cup. The 2009 Pittsburgh Penguins have earned their well-deserved place alongside the greatest sports legends in the City of Champions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. WOOLSEY addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

#### REDESIGNATING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY AS THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY & MARINE CORPS

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

Mr. JONES. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to announce that 290 of my colleagues in the House from both parties have joined me as colleagues of cosponsors of H.R. 24—legislation to redesignate the Department of the Navy as the Department of the Navy and Marine Corps. I'm grateful for the widespread support for this change among my House colleagues, and I also thank Chairman IKE SKELTON who will include the language of H.R. 24 in the National Defense Authorization Act markup tomorrow.

For the past 7 years, the language of this bill has been part of the House version of the National Defense Authorization Act. Each year, the full House of Representatives has supported this change. This year, I'm also grateful to have the support of Senator PAT ROBERTS, a former marine, who intro-

duced the same bill in the Senate, S. 504. With his help, I'm hopeful that this will be the year that the Senate supports the House position and joins in bringing proper respect to the fighting team of the Navy and Marine Corps.

Over the course of the Marine Corps history, including their present-day service in Afghanistan and Iraq, those three words, "and Marine Corps," have been earned through blood and sacrifice. The Navy and Marine Corps have operated as one entity for more than two centuries, and H.R. 24 would allow the name of this department to illustrate that fight.

This legislation is not about changing the responsibilities of the Secretary of the Navy Department, reallocating resources, or altering missions. This change is all about respect and gratitude to the Marine Corps. As symbolic as this change might be, the Marine Corps has earned the right to be recognized in the Department's name. Over the past several years, this change has received support from three former Navy Secretaries, the Marine Corps League, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Fleet Reserve Association, and many other individuals and groups.

In 2004, at a hearing before the House Armed Services Committee, Navy Admiral Stansfield Turner described his support for this change, and he said, "I think this change in title enhances the prestige and pride of the people in the Marine Corps, and it does not necessarily take anything away from the Navy in that process. I am particularly impressed today . . . [by] the degree of cooperation between the armed services of our country."

And Admiral Turner further stated, "Emphasizing that this is a Navy-Marine Corps team is a very important part of keeping that kind of sight on the objective of teamwork in combat."

Madam Speaker, the marines who are fighting today deserve this recognition.

In closing, I would like to show the change.

Madam Speaker, on this first poster was actually a letter that was sent by the Secretary of the Navy to a Marine wife who was killed. I certainly have taken out the name of the Marine Corps's wife's name, and I want to read this part to you and to those on the floor: On behalf of the Department of the Navy, please accept my very sincere condolences in the loss of your husband, Captain so-and-so, Marine.

Madam Speaker, the important part of reading this is this. If this bill becomes law, this fighting team will recognize this Marine family in this way: The Secretary of the Navy and Marine Corps. Dear Marine Corps family, On behalf of the Department of the Navy and Marine Corps. Madam Speaker, that's all that it does, but it's very important that the Marine Corps receive this recognition.

And before closing, Madam Speaker, as I do frequently, I ask God to please bless our many men and women in uniform, I ask God to bless the families of

our men and women in uniform, and I ask God in his loving arms to hold the families who have given a child dying for freedom in Afghanistan and Iraq. And, Madam Speaker, I ask three times, God, please, God, please, God, please continue to bless America.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. KAPTUR addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

#### UNFAIR TREATMENT OF CAR DEALERSHIPS

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

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, this last weekend, I met with several auto dealers in my district, and it was very interesting to find out really what all of them are going through right now.

The Chrysler and General Motors companies are closing hundreds and hundreds of automobile dealerships across the country, and after talking to these dealers, I can't figure out why. It isn't costing the automobile companies anything. They sell the cars to the dealers and the dealers sell those to the consumer. And the dealers pay for those cars.

In addition, the dealers pay for the advertising, the dealers pay for the plant and equipment, their dealerships, the buildings. They pay the mechanics. They pay the sales people. So the car company, all they do is make the car and sell it to the dealer. And so why are they closing all of these dealerships? It seems to me, as you reduce your sales force across the country, you're going to reduce the amount of cars that are sold to the consumer. It just doesn't make any sense to me.

But let me tell you some of the things that these dealers are going through right now. One dealer told me that—it's a Chrysler dealer—he had a Dodge dealership. And Chrysler asked him a couple of years ago to buy another dealership that wasn't doing as well, and they asked him to not only buy the property but to upgrade the equipment and upgrade the property and upgrade the showroom.

So he put \$3 million into buying a property and upgrading the showroom in the mechanics area, the garage area. And after he did it, just recently, right after he got it done, had invested \$3 million, they closed him down. They closed him down. He lost \$3 million after they asked him, the company asked him, to invest that money in purchasing and upgrading this other store.

Now, that's terrible. He put \$3 million in it as the company requested, and then they cut the legs off from under him and he loses \$3 million.