

continues to instill the values of hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship in today's youth.

In closing, let us, as a body, take this opportunity to congratulate the Warner Robins Little League Softball Team for their spectacular achievement and also congratulate the organizers of Little League Softball World Series for coordinating another resoundingly successful tournament.

I encourage all of my colleagues to join me in supporting this measure.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to yield at this point to the lead sponsor of this resolution, Mr. MARSHALL of Georgia, for 5 minutes.

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. Speaker, I don't think it will take me 5 minutes to cover this one. The resolution simply congratulates the Warner Robins Little League girls softball team on winning the 2009 Little League Softball World Series. Their victory follows fairly hard on the heels of a victory in 2007 by the Warner Robins Little League boys team in the Little League Baseball World Series, and so it's really quite a treat that Warner Robins now is the only city in the United States that has had teams successful on both the girls side and the boys side as Little League world champions.

I think it's particularly poignant that not only do all members of the Georgia delegation cosponsor, as original cosponsors, this bill, but many Members of Congress are also cosponsors of this bill. And I want to specifically recognize DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. She, at the time that she signed on to the bill, was suffering from an injury that she incurred playing softball in the, I hope to be annual, but it was the first annual softball game to raise money for charity among women here in the House of Representatives.

So we're all softball fans, we're baseball fans. We're delighted that the Warner Robins girls team was successful this year. We hope they have great success in the future in their individual lives. No doubt they value their education very highly, and they're focused on school as much or more so probably than athletics.

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 2009 Little League Softball World Championship team from Warner Robins, Georgia. The Warner Robins Little League softball team competed against six other teams from the United States and teams from around the world, including Italy and Canada. The Warner Robins team went undefeated throughout tournament play, and they clinched the championship by defeating the team from Crawford, Texas. Congratulations to that team as well.

These players showed tremendous desire to win and demonstrated true sportsmanship while ultimately going on to win the Softball World Series. There were many notable achievements on the field because of the remarkable

efforts by the entire team and leadership of their dedicated manager and coaches. This victory was the culmination of hundreds of hours of practice and playing and winning many games during the regular season.

The win was of considerable interest to the citizens of Warner Robins, Georgia, because it made the community the first with a Little League to have won both a baseball and a softball world series championship. We should be proud of these young women who showed that teamwork and the "never give up" spirit can accomplish much, not only in the game of softball but also as a winning strategy in life. With so much turmoil in the world, it's great to see young women step up and achieve such significance. I hope they carry that through the rest of their lives and recognize this great moment and the team effort that it takes to truly be successful.

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

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, we have no further speakers at this time. But I continue to reserve.

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Mr. Speaker, we have no further speakers, and would yield back the balance of our time.

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, in closing, I just want to ask Members on both sides to support Mr. MARSHALL in his resolution to congratulate the Warner Robins, Georgia, 2009 Little League Softball World Series winner from his hometown.

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a proud cosponsor of H. Res. 742, a resolution recognizing the accomplishments of the 2009 Warner Robins Little League Softball World Championship Team.

The Little League Softball World Series has long been a competitive outlet for our young women, providing them an arena for personal and athletic advancement. Their mission states, "I trust in God. I love my country and will respect its laws. I will play fair and strive to win, but win or lose I will always do my best." No matter what the outcome for each team, I am positive that the opportunity to be a part of this competition is a valuable experience for every participant and provides them with memories that will last a lifetime.

Today, however, I am pleased to recognize the victorious Warner Robins Little League Softball Championship Team as they defeated the Crawford, Texas Little League Softball Team to become the World Champions on August 19, 2009. This victory distinguishes the Warner Robins Little League as the first little league to claim a baseball and softball championship.

On behalf of the 11th Congressional District of Georgia, it is my honor to congratulate the players, their coaches, and the managers who led them to this success. Your hard work and dedication have not only made you winners on the softball field, but will also be instrumental to your future successes. The 2009 Warner Robins Little League Softball Team is an example to America's youth of the values of teamwork and sportsmanship, and I urge all of my colleagues to support this resolution.

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 742 which congratulates the

Warner Robins American Little League Softball Team from Warner Robins, Georgia, on winning the 2009 Softball World Series Championship.

Although Warner Robins is technically no longer a part of the 2nd Congressional District of Georgia which I represent, I continue to claim the residents of Warner Robins as my constituents as I have represented them in previous sessions of Congress.

All of us in southwest Georgia are proud of this accomplishment. I would like to recognize and applaud the commitment to excellence, dedication, and determination shown by the players, parents, coaches, and managers who worked so diligently to accomplish a worthy goal. The city of Warner Robins and the State of Georgia should be commended for the outstanding loyalty and support they displayed for their team throughout the season.

The 2009 Champion Warner Robins Little League Softball Team consists of Carson Carriker, Sierra Stella, Chelsea Whaley, Caitlin Parker, Melissa Cox, Kelly Warner, Sabrina Doucette, Hanna Livingston, Kaylee Albritton, Ashley Killebrew, Avery Lamb and Sydney Barker. They were successfully managed and coached by Emily Whaley and Roger Stella.

As most of my colleagues know, Warner Robins Air Force Base is located in the city of Warner Robins. I have no doubt that members of the Warner Robins Softball team have parents or siblings serving in the military. We salute not only the team, but also their family members serving proudly in the military.

On behalf of my constituents in Georgia's Second Congressional District, I offer my congratulations on a job well done.

Mr. LYNCH. I yield back the balance of our time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. LYNCH) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 742.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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GEORGE KELL POST OFFICE

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3634) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 109 Main Street in Swifton, Arkansas, as the "George Kell Post Office".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3634

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

SECTION 1. GEORGE KELL POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 109 Main Street in Swifton, Arkansas, shall be known and designated as the "George Kell Post Office".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to

be a reference to the "George Kell Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. LYNCH) and the gentleman from Utah (Mr. CHAFFETZ) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Massachusetts.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and add any extraneous materials.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts?

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, as chairman of the House subcommittee with jurisdiction over the United States Postal Service, I am pleased to present H.R. 3634 for consideration. This measure will designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 109 Main Street in Swifton, Arkansas, as the "George Kell Post Office."

This bill was sponsored solely and principally by my friend Representative MARION BERRY of Arkansas, and I would like to yield to him for 5 minutes for presenting this resolution.

Mr. BERRY. I thank the gentleman from Massachusetts.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3634. My bill would name the U.S. Post Office in Swifton, Arkansas, for George Kell, a native son of Arkansas' First Congressional District.

Throughout his life, George Kell distinguished himself as an athlete, a broadcaster, a businessman, and a public servant. He enjoyed a long career in Major League Baseball with the Athletics, Tigers, Red Sox, White Sox, and Orioles.

During his 15-year playing career, Kell made the All-Star team 10 times and established himself as one of the greatest third basemen in the American League. For his accomplishments, he was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

After his retirement from baseball, Kell returned to the Detroit Tigers organization as their TV announcer, a position he held for almost 40 years. His broadcasting career allowed him to connect with generations of new fans who were too young to ever see him play the game.

Despite all of his accomplishments in baseball, George Kell was simply a good friend and neighbor to those who knew him best. Throughout his life, he kept returning to his hometown of Swifton, a place he loved like no other. He was an active and respected member of the community, serving on the Arkansas Highway Commission for 10 years, and his career gave him the opportunity to see it all. He knew there was no place like home.

Kell died in Swifton in March of this year at the age of 86. It was a tremen-

dous loss that was felt by his friends and family and the State of Arkansas. George Kell's enduring popularity is evidenced by the fan mail he continued to receive long after his retirement.

It is a fitting tribute that we name the Swifton post office, where he went regularly to correspond with his fans across the country, after this great citizen. It's the least we can do for a friend and a native son of the First Congressional District of Arkansas, and I urge that the House pass H.R. 3634.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3634 which designates the United States postal facility located at 109 Main Street in Swifton, Arkansas, as the "George Kell Post Office."

George Kell played baseball for 15 years and, in that time, established his place in history as one of baseball's greatest third basemen. Over the span of his career, he played with the Philadelphia Athletics, the Detroit Tigers, the Boston Red Sox, the Chicago White Sox, and the Baltimore Orioles. Not only was he a 10-time All Star player, but Mr. Kell is one of only 11 third basemen elected to the Hall of Fame.

Even after he retired, Kell's passion for the game continued. It led him to becoming a broadcaster for the Detroit Tigers. He broadcasted every game from 1959 to 1996, missing only one season in 1964. He was well loved and respected by fans and players alike. It's appropriate that we honor this local icon by supporting H.R. 3634.

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

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, whenever a former member of the Red Sox is recognized, I have to join in those accolades, and I am very pleased to support the resolution offered by my friend Mr. BERRY from Arkansas.

George Clyde Kell distinguished himself as an exceptional professional baseball player over the course of 15 major league seasons and in his later life, as has been mentioned, as a beloved broadcaster for the Detroit Tigers.

Mr. Kell made his major league debut with the Philadelphia Athletics in 1943, playing in one game, and became a consistent starter over the following two seasons. Notably, Mr. Kell was traded to the Detroit Tigers early in the 1946 season, which he finished with a .322 batting average and thereby began establishing himself as a Hall of Fame-caliber third baseman.

Over the course of his distinguished professional baseball career, Mr. Kell was selected as an All-Star 10 times, as has been mentioned, and hit at least .300 in nine major league seasons and led the American League's third basemen in fielding percentage seven times. Mr. Kell's finest season came in 1950 when he led the American League with 218 hits, 56 doubles, and set a career high with 101 runs batted in and 114 runs scored.

In addition, Mr. Kell holds the distinction of winning the closest batting crown race in Major League Baseball history. Mr. Kell captured the American League batting crown in 1949 on the final day of the regular season during which he went two for three against future Hall of Famer Bob Lemon of the Cleveland Indians and succeeded in edging out Boston Red Sox legend Ted Williams for the batting title by two-thousandths of a point.

After hitting for a .319 batting average in 1951, Mr. Kell was traded to my own Boston Red Sox in 1952 in a multi-player deal, and the next season set a career high in home runs. Following his stint with the Red Sox, Mr. Kell played for the Chicago White Sox and concluded his playing career in 1957 with the Baltimore Orioles.

During his two seasons with the Orioles, Mr. Kell helped to groom his successor at third base, fellow Arkansas native Brooks Robinson, who would later join Mr. Kell as an inductee into the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame in 1983. It was during their Cooperstown induction ceremony that Mr. Kell noted how incredible it was that two Arkansas natives had traveled the same path to the same place.

Although Mr. Kell ended his playing career in 1957, he never truly left the game, as has been noted here. In 1958, he began broadcasting on CBS's Game of the Week and the following year joined the Detroit Tigers' broadcast crew, teaming with Van Patrick and Ernie Harwell, and later, Tigers' Hall of Fame outfielder Al Kaline. Mr. Kell continued to cover the Tigers until retiring after the 1996 season.

Mr. Speaker, regrettably, George Kell passed away in his hometown of Swifton, Arkansas, on March 24 of this year at the age of 86. And although he is no longer with us, Mr. Kell's memory will live on through his beloved family, including his wife, Carolyn, and his brother, former major leaguer Everett "Skeeter" Kell, as well as the countless baseball fans that he entertained as both a player and a broadcaster.

Let us honor Mr. Kell by designating the postal facility in his hometown of Swifton, Arkansas, as the "George Kell Post Office," and I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to join us and join Mr. BERRY in sponsoring and supporting his resolution.

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to yield as much time as he may consume to the distinguished gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN).

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3634, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 109 Main Street in Swifton, Arkansas, as the "George Kell Post Office." I want to thank my friend and colleague and the senior member of the Arkansas delegation in the House for bringing this forward, and this is very, very important and certainly very well deserved.

As has been noted, George Kell, as a professional baseball player, broadcaster, businessman, and family man from Swifton, Arkansas, made literally a household name for himself in Arkansas as one of the greatest third basemen in the 1940s and 1950s. In 1957, to be closer to his family, he retired. He then went on to become a Detroit Tigers broadcaster for nearly 40 years. In 1983, he joined the baseball greats when he was nominated for the National Baseball Hall of Fame by the Veterans Committee.

During his career, George always kept Arkansas close to his heart. During his time in the majors, he bought farmland in Swifton, which he worked on in the off-seasons, and continued farming after he retired from playing baseball. Even when he was broadcasting for the Detroit Tigers, he still called Swifton home, commuting 1,000 miles from Arkansas for games.

George remained committed to his home in Arkansas and helped his community. In 1962, he bought a car dealership in Newport, Arkansas, and later became sole owner of this budding business. After hearing Dale Bumpers speak in the city during his 1970 campaign, George jumped on the campaign trail helping the little-known candidate win the Governor's race. George was then appointed to the State Highway Commission where he served for 10 years, 4 of which as chairman.

George was an Arkansan through and through and certainly a favorite son, so it couldn't be more fitting to honor him by naming the Swifton postal facility in his honor. He will be missed by family and friends.

And again, I want to thank Congressman BERRY for his work in bringing this recognition forward.

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I don't believe we have any more speakers on our side, but I continue to reserve.

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Mr. Speaker, with no other speakers, we would yield back the balance of our time.

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, just very briefly, I ask all of our colleagues on both sides of the aisle to join with Mr. BERRY and Mr. BOOZMAN in support of this resolution, and I yield back the balance of our time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. LYNCH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3634.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

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.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

CLYDE L. HILLHOUSE POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3667) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16555 Springs Street in White Springs, Florida, as the "Clyde L. Hillhouse Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3667

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

SECTION 1. CLYDE L. HILLHOUSE POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16555 Springs Street in White Springs, Florida, shall be known and designated as the "Clyde L. Hillhouse Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Clyde L. Hillhouse Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. LYNCH) and the gentleman from Utah (Mr. CHAFFETZ) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Massachusetts.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend any remarks and include any extraneous materials.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts?

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, as chairman of the House subcommittee with jurisdiction over the United States Postal Service, I am pleased to present H.R. 3667 for consideration. This measure will designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16555 Springs Street in White Springs, Florida, as the "Clyde L. Hillhouse Post Office Building."

H.R. 3667 was introduced by my friend and colleague Representative ANDER CRENSHAW of Florida on September 29, 2009, and was favorably reported out of the House Oversight Committee by unanimous consent on October 29, 2009. In addition, H.R. 3667 enjoys the support of the entire Florida House delegation.

A native of the town of White Springs, Florida, Clyde L. Hillhouse dedicated his life to public service as a distinguished member of the United States Army Air Corps during World War II and, later in his life, as postmaster of his beloved White Springs community.

Shortly after joining the United States military in 1940, Mr. Hillhouse was deployed to the Pacific theater of operations during World War II. Notably, Mr. Hillhouse participated in the

heroic defense of Corregidor Island by the American and Filipino military forces against Japanese forces seeking to advance on Manila Bay.

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Despite the valiant efforts of the American and Filipino soldiers, the island fell to Japanese forces in mid-1942 and Mr. Hillhouse subsequently became one of approximately 75,000 American and Filipino prisoners of war taken in the Bataan Peninsula. During his over-3 years in captivity, Mr. Hillhouse bravely survived the infamous Bataan death march, as well as periods of slave labor in the Philippines and on the Japanese mainland.

In recognition of wounds that he received during action in the Philippines, Mr. Hillhouse was awarded the Purple Heart in 1984, also received the Bronze Star for his distinguished military service.

Following the end of World War II and his return to White Springs, Mr. Hillhouse continued his commitment to public service as a dedicated employee of the United States Postal Service for nearly 30 years. Specifically, Mr. Hillhouse served as postmaster of White Springs from July 14, 1947, until his retirement on January 19, 1973.

In addition to his service as postmaster, Mr. Hillhouse was active in the White Springs community as a long-time volunteer fire chief and as a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Service Organization.

Regrettably, Mr. Hillhouse passed away in his home in White Springs on April 26, 1998, at the age of 84.

Mr. Speaker, Clyde Hillhouse's life stands as a testament to the bravery and dedication exhibited by the men and women of the United States military, and it is my hope that we can honor this exceptional soldier and public servant through the passage of this legislation to designate the White Springs Post Office in his honor.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to join in supporting H.R. 3667, along with Mr. CRENSHAW, the lead sponsor.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. CRENSHAW).

Mr. CRENSHAW. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3667. As has been pointed out, it is a bill to honor Clyde L. Hillhouse by designating the post office at 16555 Springs Street, White Springs, Florida, after this World War II hero who devoted his life to public service.

Clyde Leroy Hillhouse was born on February 11, 1914, in Hamilton County, Florida, a small county halfway between Jacksonville and Tallahassee. On October 10, 1940, when he was only 25 years old, he answered the call to serve his Nation in patriotic service. He enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps.