

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting S. 3250.

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. CARNAHAN. I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. CARNAHAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, S. 3250.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CONGRATULATING THE NATIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION ON ITS 70TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1669) congratulating the National Air Transportation Association for celebrating its 70th anniversary, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1669

Whereas the National Air Transportation Association (NATA) was founded 70 years ago on December 28, 1940, with 83 charter member companies who were instrumental in supporting the Civilian Pilot Training Program (CPTP);

Whereas on December 27, 1938, the CPTP was formed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt who approved a Civil Aeronautics Authority plan to boost the private flying industry by annually teaching 20,000 college students to fly;

Whereas the CPTP trained thousands of new pilots;

Whereas in 1940, NATA was instrumental in working with Congress to support the CPTP;

Whereas the current general aviation industry owes much to the foresight and resiliency of the founders of NATA, William A. Ong and Leslie H. Bowman, the association's first two presidents, as well as George E. Haddaway, John L. Gaylord, and others who played a strong role in the organization's formation;

Whereas the general aviation industry accounts for hundreds of thousands of American jobs and contributes approximately \$90 billion to the United States economy;

Whereas today NATA represents over 2,000 member companies that own, operate, or service aircraft and provide for the needs of the traveling public by offering services and products to aircraft operators and others such as fuel sales, aircraft maintenance, parts sales, storage, rental airline servicing, flight training, Part 135 on-demand air charter, fractional aircraft program management, and scheduled commuter operations for smaller aircraft;

Whereas NATA continues to represent the legislative, regulatory, and business interests of general aviation businesses;

Whereas NATA provides education, services, and benefits to its members to ensure their long-term economic success;

Whereas NATA is dedicated to establishing programs to improve general aviation safety; and

Whereas NATA established the Air Charter Safety Foundation to continuously enhance the safety and security practices of charter and shared aircraft owners and operators in the United States and worldwide: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) congratulates the National Air Transportation Association for celebrating its 70th anniversary;

(2) applauds the National Air Transportation Association for creating programs and resources to enhance the safety of general aviation operators; and

(3) commends the National Air Transportation Association for being instrumental in bolstering the general aviation industry during a time of turmoil in the 1940s.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. CARNAHAN) and the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. PETRI) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Missouri.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CARNAHAN. I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H. Res. 1669.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. CARNAHAN. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 1669, as amended, which congratulates the National Air Transportation Association for celebrating its 70th anniversary.

As this resolution recognizes, NATA played an indispensable role in the development of general aviation in the United States. Since its founding in 1940, at a time when general aviation in the U.S. was at a crossroads, NATA has grown to represent more than 2,000 companies that own, operate, or service aircraft and provide services to general aviation pilots and aircraft owners. NATA serves as these companies' advocate before Federal policymakers and lawmakers.

The general aviation industry supports thousands of American jobs and is an essential contributor to the U.S. economy. Since its founding, the National Air Transportation Association has played a major role in advocating for a vibrant and healthy general aviation industry.

H. Res. 1669 recognizes NATA's historical contributions to general aviation and congratulates them for its 70th anniversary. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PETRI. Madam Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the author of the resolution before us, my colleague from Tennessee, JAMES DUNCAN.

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Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Wisconsin for yielding.

I rise today in support of House Resolution 1669, to congratulate and compliment the National Air Transportation Association on its 70th anniversary, and for its advocacy of general aviation in the United States of America. NATA is the leading organization representing aviation service businesses such as fixed base operators, charter providers, and aircraft management companies.

At the start of World War II, the Federal Government drafted plans to ground all private aviation for the duration of the war. Such a ban would have crippled general aviation in this country for years to come. However, 83 founding members started the NATA in 1940 with the purpose of showing how private aviation could be an asset to our country and to its national security, and certainly not a threat. In fact, the NATA helped save the Civilian Pilot Training Program that was created by President Franklin Roosevelt just a few years earlier. This program trained thousands of college students to fly, many of whom later contributed to the war effort.

Today, NATA represents over 2,000 member companies that own, operate, or service aircraft, and provide for the needs of the traveling public by offering services and products to aircraft operators and others such as fuel sales, aircraft maintenance, parts sales, storage, rental airline services, flight training, Part 135 on-demand air charters, fractional aircraft program management, and scheduled commuter operations from smaller aircraft.

There are more than 230,000 general aviation aircraft in the United States, which use nearly 19,000 small and regional airports. These airports help connect people and industries that do not always have easy access to our larger commercial airports. In addition, the general aviation industry represents millions of jobs, and contributes \$150 billion to the U.S. economy. General aviation is a vital component of the transportation industry in the United States.

Not only does the association represent aviation interests in Washington, it takes an active role in promoting aviation in our communities. NATA provides grants to schools for the purpose of purchasing educational materials. The NATA also provides scholarships to young people who are interested in pursuing a career in aviation.

Madam Speaker, I served as chairman of the Subcommittee on Aviation for 6 years. I personally witnessed the National Air Transportation Association's tireless efforts on behalf of private aviation.

Finally, I would like to mention that the president of this association is our former colleague, former Congressman Jim Coyne. While in Congress, Congressman Coyne regularly flew to and from his congressional district in Pennsylvania. He has served in this position since 1994. And I would like to

say that the members of the NATA are very fortunate to have someone with his knowledge of the aviation community to lead their association.

I introduced this resolution to recognize this association and its contributions to private aviation. I hope my colleagues will join me in support of this bill.

Mr. CARNAHAN. I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PETRI. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the resolution before us sponsored by my colleague from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN), congratulating the National Air Transportation Association for celebrating the organization's 70th anniversary. The resolution also applauds the association's efforts over the years to improve general aviation safety and bolster the general aviation industry.

NATA represents over 2,000 member companies that provide millions of jobs in the United States that support the general aviation industry. NATA member companies provide for many of the behind the scenes support for general aviation, including fuel sales, aircraft maintenance, parts sales, storage, and flight training, just to name a few. These sectors of the general aviation industry support jobs for millions of Americans and contribute \$150 billion to the United States economy.

NATA played a big role in the resurgence of aviation after World War II and continues to play an important advocacy role for its member companies. Most importantly, the association plays an active role in improving safety for its member companies and the traveling public.

I support the resolution, and urge my colleagues to adopt the resolution.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 1669, as amended, which congratulates the National Air Transportation Association (NATA) for celebrating its 70th anniversary. NATA was founded on December 28, 1940, at a critical moment in the development of general aviation in the United States. At its founding, NATA represented 83 aerospace companies whose leaders unified to represent the interests of general aviation before Congress.

Today, NATA represents more than 2,000 member companies that own, operate, or service aircraft and provide for the needs of the traveling public by offering services and products to aircraft operators and others. General aviation stimulates local and regional economies and supports hundreds of thousands of jobs.

H. Res. 1669 recognizes NATA's historical contributions to general aviation and congratulates NATA for celebrating its 70th anniversary. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution.

Mr. PETRI. I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN) and his service on the Aviation Subcommittee. I appreciate working with him, and for him bringing this to the floor. I have no

further requests for time, I would just encourage the body to adopt this resolution, and yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. CARNAHAN) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1669, as amended.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CONGRATULATING CINCINNATI REDS FIRST BASEMAN JOEY VOTTO

(Mrs. SCHMIDT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Madam Speaker, today I rise, along with all of Cincinnati, to congratulate and celebrate the Cincinnati Reds' first baseman Joey Votto being crowned the 2010 National League Most Valuable Player.

Cincinnati has a rich and proud tradition of great baseball teams. It is the home of the first professional baseball club, which began in 1869. The Reds have won five World Series titles, four National League pennants, multiple Most Valuable Player trophies, and numerous Golden Glove awards. And a number of players have risen to the status to be celebrated in the National Baseball Hall of Fame. The Cincinnati Reds are indeed proud to have the Most Valuable Player, Joey Votto, playing for them.

A native of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, Mr. Votto was drafted by the Reds just out of high school, in the second round of the amateur draft in 2002. He worked his way through the Reds' minor league system and debuted in September of 2007. His defensive skills and offensive production consistently improved leading up to the 2010 season.

Joey Votto helped lead the Cincinnati Reds to their first National League Central Division Title since 1995 with an impressive .324 batting average, including 37 home runs, and 113 runs batted in. Mr. Votto led the National League in on-base percentage, as well as slugging percentage, and receiving 31 of 32 first-place votes by the Baseball Writers Association of America to reward his hard work with one of the most coveted awards in baseball, the Most Valuable Player Trophy. He was named to the National League All Star Team, and won the 2010 National League Hank Aaron Award.

Again I would like to join all of the Redlegs Nation in congratulating Mr. Votto on his achievement. I want to congratulate the owner of the Reds, Mr. Bob Castellini, and his ownership group for bringing a winning baseball team back to Cincinnati. Congratulations, Joey, and go Reds.

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SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

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

(Mr. YARMUTH addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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 addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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

(Mr. POE of Texas addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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

(Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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.)

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 addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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

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

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

(Mr. MORAN of Kansas addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)