to obstruct our efforts here, we are willing to fight hard to make sure that we get the people’s work done, and that’s why I’m calling for a vote today, and I hope will only be 1 week beyond the stated goal, at least until we adjourn in August, I will urge support of this rule.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 266, I call up the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 168) waiving the requirement of section 132 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 that the majority party of each House of Congress have adopted a concurrent resolution providing either for an adjournment sine die not later than July 31, 1999, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The text of House Concurrent Resolution 168 is as follows:

H. CON. RES. 168

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring). That, notwithstanding the provisions of section 132(a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 196(a)), the House of Representatives and the Senate shall not adjourn for a period in excess of three days, or adjourn sine die, until both Houses of Congress have adopted a concurrent resolution providing either for an adjournment (in excess of three days) to a day certain or for adjournment sine die.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 266, the concurrent resolution is considered as read, is not debatable, and the previous question is ordered to follow adoption without intervening motion.

The question is on the concurrent resolution.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The resolution was agreed to.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 264) expressing the sense of the House of Representatives honoring Lance Armstrong, America’s premier cyclist, and his winning performance in the 1999 Tour de France, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

There was no objection.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 1999

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday next for morning hour debates.

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

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

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

There was no objection.

MAKING IN ORDER ON AUGUST 3, 1999, OR ANY DAY THEREAFTER, CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 58, REGARDING JACKSON-VANIK WAIVER FOR VIETNAM

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order at any time on August 3, 1999, or any day thereafter, to consider in the House the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 58) disapproving the extension of the waiver authority contained in section 402(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to Vietnam; that the joint resolution be considered as read for amendment; that all points of order against the joint resolution and against its consideration be waived; that the joint resolution be debatable for 1 hour, equally divided and controlled by the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means in opposition to the joint resolution and a Member in support of the joint resolution; that pursuant to resolutions 152 and 153 of the Trade Act of 1974, the previous question be considered as ordered on the joint resolution to final passage without intervening motion; and that the provisions of section 152 and 153 of the Trade Act of 1974 shall not otherwise apply to any joint resolution disapproving the extension of the waiver authority contained in section 402(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to Vietnam for the remainder of the first session of the 106th Congress.

It is the intention of this unanimous consent request that the 1 hour of debate be yielded fairly between members of the majority and minority parties on both sides of this issue.

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

There was no objection.

HONORING LANCE ARMSTRONG, AMERICA’S PREMIER CYCLIST

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 264) expressing the sense of the House of Representatives honoring Lance Armstrong, America’s premier cyclist, and his winning performance in the 1999 Tour de France, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Mr. DOGGETT. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker, under my reservation, and I do not intend to object since this is a resolution that I have authored, I do want, in working with the gentleman from Texas (Mr. Sessions), to have a brief discussion of this resolution.

Some 21 Members, Democrats and Republicans, some of whom are here on the floor this afternoon have joined in this resolution in a bipartisan acknowledgment of the great success of Lance Armstrong in France this past week. I particularly want to acknowledge and will recognize momentarily the gentleman from California (Mrs. CAPPS) and an avid cyclist on her staff, Blake Selzer, who had been particularly interested in this subject.

Mr. Speaker, last Sunday, as Lance Armstrong, my fellow Texan and fellow Austinite, rode to the Arc de Triomphe in Paris, I was overcome not just with the American pride of that moment, but with the importance of all that Lance has accomplished in getting to this point. I was also struck with the meaning that this victory would have for thousands of people around the world.

After an early budding career, this young Austinite was stricken with life threatening advanced testicular cancer that actually metastasized and affected his lungs and brain. While his own recuperation was still incomplete, he began to worry not only about his own condition with this disease but with the impact that this disease was having on so many other people around the world. The drive and determination that the world got to see this past 23 days of the race in France was very evident to Austinites long before he ever rode up the streets of Paris, France.

But to get to Paris, Lance had to cover some 2300 miles circumnavigating the globe on a bicycle in some 23 days. That is more than a hundred miles a day in all types of terrain, even in the French Alps and against 200 of the best cyclists in the world. Unfortunately, the French terrain never lets a race down; it is and it never had to apply.

As he rode into Paris wearing that coveted Yellow Jersey, the cheers from the good French people let the world know that indeed there was a new American in Paris.

This drive to be the best that you can be and to make the things better for others manifested itself in his own physical healing long before this race in the founding of the Lance Armstrong Foundation, a project of which my office provided some assistance. Lance undertook the foundation in December of 1996 just 3 months after his diagnosis.

The foundation has as its mission, among other things, to save a colleague from Ohio who has worked in this area as well, awareness, education, and research on cancer. It sponsors the annual Ride for the Roses where people come from all over
the United States to bicycle in our Texas hill country each spring and, in the process, raise money for the foundation. It is a major event that raises thousands of dollars, and that foundation also sponsors the Lance Armstrong Oncology Conference that gathers physicians from around the world to discuss and learn about advancements and treatments of cancer.

Just last year, the Tour de France had fallen under the specter of performance-enhancing drugs. This once very prestigious bicycle race has lost glamor and credibility; but thanks to Lance, the credibility of the race has been restored. And in Texas we are suggesting to cycling friends in France that they respectfully consider renaming this the “Tour de Lance.”

His recovery and victory in the tour has surely, my world, and it is not surprising to me where we watched Lance as he promised to defeat cancer, where we watched him create this Lance Armstrong Foundation, and where we finally watched him wear this coveted Yellow Jersey.

I stand here today very proud to sponsor this resolution though I have been a recreational bicyclist who has had a little difficulty staying on my own bicycle at times. As an Austinite, as a Texan, as an American, we are very proud of his accomplishments. It was very exciting to see it this past week and to know that he was also not only representing Texas but there as a member of the United States Postal Service team and that we watched him wear that yellow jersey.

So Lance pulled off the unexpected in Paris, and now we have good bipartisan support for this resolution honoring him.

We are not given many second chances in life, but Lance was given a second chance, and just look at what he did with it. As he said himself, if you ever get a second chance in life, you have got to go all the way. The personal path that he has led certainly demonstrates that. We know here in the House that heroes are not just the giant statues against a red sky, they are the people that say: This is my community, my world, and it is my responsibility to make it better, and I know that my colleagues share in expressing our pride and gratitude to this young man from Texas, Lance Armstrong.

Mr. Speaker, further reserving the right to object, I yield to the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. Pryce), who has been such a leader in the efforts here to deal with the issue of cancer.

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

I am very pleased to join with my colleague from Texas in support of this resolution and congratulating Lance Armstrong, America's premier cyclist, and a future cycling legend.

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. Pryce), who has been such a leader in the efforts here to deal with the issue of cancer.

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

I am very pleased to join with my colleague from Texas in support of this resolution and congratulating Lance Armstrong, America's premier cyclist, and a future cycling legend.

During this year's tour, Lance won the four most important stages of the race, the 3-time trials and the first mountain stage, and he staked his place alongside some of the greatest winners of the past.

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Texas (Mr. Doggett) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. sessions) for bringing up this resolution this afternoon, and I yield to the gentleman for yielding this time.

The Tour de France, Mr. Speaker, is the oldest, most important and most challenging bicycle race in the world. The 2,300 miles covered by the cyclists in only 3 weeks from the time trials to the final assault on the Alps. Sixteen stages, 20 percent chance of survival from a virulent attack of testicular cancer. Lance Armstrong did in 3 weeks, I salute Lance Armstrong as a hero, a role model for American youth, and a future cycling legend.

Mr. Doggett. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. Pryce), who has been such a leader in the efforts here to deal with the issue of cancer.

Ms. Pryce of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

I am very pleased to join with my colleague from Texas in support of this resolution and congratulating Lance Armstrong, America's premier cyclist, and a future cycling legend.
since 1906. However, this year’s victory by Lance Armstrong marks one of the greatest comebacks in the history of sports.

It was just a little over 2 years ago when Lance was diagnosed with testicular cancer, a form of cancer which strikes 7,400 men in the United States each year. And while it represents just 1 percent of all male cancers for men in their 20s and 30s, it is the leading form of cancer. Lance was diagnosed with testicular cancer so advanced it had spread to his lungs and his brain. He was given just a 50 percent chance of survival. His doctors’ main concerns were no longer his return to racing, but simply to keep him living.

However, Lance Armstrong had a different agenda. After undergoing surgery and during sessions of chemotherapy and radiation therapy and tolerating nauseating hair, strength, weight, and all the other ills that accompany chemotherapy; yet his inner strength and personal will allowed him to defeat his cancer and regain his strength and move to himself and the world that he could not only compete in the Tour de France, but win it.

Many in the sports world, even in the cycling team, wrote off Lance Armstrong, but Lance Armstrong never gave up hope. He showed great courage and determination, and once the cancer was removed, he slowly and steadily climbed back on his bicycle and started to train. Then he started to race. Then he started to surprise the cycling world by making a stunning comeback.

Mr. Speaker, Lance Armstrong’s victory inspires all of those who have had cancer, all of those who are fighting cancer, and all of those who have had loved ones die from cancer. He has proved to the world that there is life after cancer and that cancer no longer has to be a competitor. It is a feat of endurance that is rarely matched in any field of athletic competition. Few Americans have ever won this event, and as was noted today, Lance Armstrong was only the second, and none have overcome the obstacles that Lance Armstrong did as he prepared for this monumental achievement.

Just 3 years ago, Lance Armstrong was diagnosed with testicular cancer. This disease is one of the most common types of cancer among men between the ages of 15 and 35. When he was diagnosed, doctors gave him less than a 50 percent chance of surviving. He faced a future of surgery, followed by radiation and chemotherapy and his training for bicycle racing took a back seat to overcoming the immediate threat to his life.

Lance Armstrong has done far more than just survive. He has successfully completed his own treatment; and then, as he resumed his training for competition, he established the Lance Armstrong Foundation to promote, through awareness, education and research, the fight against testicular cancer. In organizing this valuable community service, he has initiated the measures that will help many other young men receive information and to early dying knows that which is effective, early treatment.

Mr. Speaker, this resolution expresses for the entire United States of America our House’s acclaim for Lance Armstrong as an athlete and dedicated contributor to his community and as an outstanding American citizen. We applaud his accomplishments and wish him continued success in every aspect of his activity.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the House agree to the adoption of H. Res. 264.

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the timely consideration of this resolution so that this body could go record immediately in honoring Lance Armstrong in a strong, bipartisan way. I thank the gentleman.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PAGETE). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. Res. 264

Whereas Lance Armstrong was diagnosed with advanced testicular cancer in 1996 and given a less than 50 percent chance of survival by doctors;
WHEREAS testicular cancer is the most common form of cancer in men between 15 and 35 years old; 
WHEREAS Lance Armstrong has established the Lance Armstrong Foundation, devoted to fighting cancer through awareness, education, and research; 
WHEREAS Lance Armstrong has made one of the most memorable comebacks in sports history; and 
WHEREAS the Tour de France is one of the most physically demanding endurance sporting events in the world; and 
WHEREAS Lance Armstrong has honored the Nation with his courageous performance by winning the Tour de France; Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives—
(1) congratulates Lance Armstrong on his spectacular performance, winning the 1999 Tour de France; and 
(2) recognizes the contribution Lance Armstrong’s perseverance has made to inspire those fighting cancer and survivors of cancer around the world.

The resolution was agreed to. A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REPORT ON NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO TERRORISTS WHO THREATEN TO DISRUPT MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 106–106)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:
As required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), I transmit hereewith a 6-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process that was declared in Executive Order 12947 of January 23, 1995.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES I. DENECHAUD, JR. 

(Mr. OBERSTAR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to my late father-in-law, Charles I. Denechaud, Jr., whose life ebbed away last Saturday, July 24. He was taken from his loved ones after nearly 3 years of a silent struggle against a stroke that disabled him and in the end robbed his most precious treasure, the ability to speak to his dear wife.

His remarkable life in the law and his extraordinary service to his fellow New Orleanians, his family, and the Catholic Church was summed up in a comprehensive account in the New Orleans Times-Picayune of Sunday, July 25, which I submit for the RECORD. I also include in the RECORD at this point the eulogy of my wife, Jean K. Oberstar, my own remarks to cite the splendid eulogy offered, though not available in printed version, by Jean’s brother-in-law, Tommy Boggs, in warm and touching tribute to a man whose exemplary life will inspire all of us to so live our lives.

CHARLES I. DENECHAUD, JR.
EULOGY OF HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR, M.C.
As we left the restaurant a few years ago, I had a clever idea: “Us older guys should walk together,” I said, taking his arm, “and if the fellow in front of you gets a bad hip,” Charles quickly saw through the ruse: “It’s hell to get old, Jim; the first thing to go are the legs. Take care of your legs. Now, let me take your arm, so I don’t stumble on something.”

He closed with that warm twinkle in those eyes, and the gentle, upbead, pursed smile which is the image I shall forever harbor and always cherish.

Like my own father, who lived a river’s length and a culture away, Charles Denechaud saw everything, overlooked a great deal, and forgave much.

As my father did with in-laws, Charles took me in as one of his own, without reservation, and treated me with all the things that inclusiveness of family love.

It was not my privilege to know, at its peak, his dazzling legal mind, but I shared, at its best, his unbounded love, especially for the lady he always endearingly called “my bride.”

The Psalmist wrote: “I will treat him as my first-born son. I will love him forever, and be kind to him always; my covenant with him will never end.”

Written of David, Psalm 89 appropriately embraces Charles I. Denechaud, Jr.

CHARLES I. DENECHAUD, JR.
EULOGY OF JEAN K. OBERSTAR
Almost three years ago, when my father was in the hospital, his doctor came into his room and asked, “Mr. Denechaud, would you like to pray?” There was silence for a while and then my father said, “My life is a prayer.” And indeed it was.

As a child, his likeness was used as a model for one of the cherubs in the Edward Francis Denechaud stained glass window here at Holy Name. Perhaps his life was directed toward goodness from that time forward. After all, how many mortals are used as models for angels?

Although I don’t really think Charlie Denechaud needs prayers, I ask you to pray for him anyway. I am quite certain that God will scoop up all the left-overs and give them to souls who do need them.

One of the measures of Charlie Denechaud is that each of his five children is quite sure that he or she was his favorite child. But who knows? I’ve heard him say: “I love all my kids.”

Mothers, you must be so very proud of him and so very proud to have been his bride. I understand and have great empathy for your sadness. I share it. We all do. But never forget the love and pride you have for him—and he, absolutely, for you.

[From the New Orleans Times-Picayune, July 25, 1999]
CHARLES I. DENECHAUD JR., ARCHIDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS

Charles I. Denechaud, Jr., a lawyer who represented the Archdiocese of New Orleans and a number of other Catholic institutions in the city, died Saturday at his home. He was 86.

Mr. Denechaud, retired senior partner of Denechaud & Denechaud, was a lifelong resident of New Orleans.

Mr. Denechaud was one of the leading citizens we had in this community, said G. Frank Purvis Jr., a friend for more than five decades.

“He was a very fine lawyer and a very dedicated lawyer, both to his profession and to his faith,” said Purvis, the former chairman of Pan-American Life Insurance Co. in New Orleans.

The Denechaud family has represented the archdiocese since 1901, beginning with Mr. Denechaud’s father, Charles Sr. The firm also has represented Loyola and Xavier universities, the Daughters of Charity, Hotel Dieu hospital and Jesuit High School.

Mr. Denechaud represented WWL television since the station’s inception, and played a crucial role in Loyola University’s acquisition of the station, its son, Charles III, said.

Mr. Denechaud attended Our Lady of Lourdes school, Jesuit High School and Loyola University and received an honorary L.L. degree from Xavier University in 1964. He was a former member of the President’s Council of Loyola University, New Orleans Hospital Council, National Association of College and University Attorneys, United Negro College Fund, American Hospital Association, New Orleans Hospital Council, Louisiana Hospital Association and Catholic Hospital Association.

He was former member of the board of advisors of WWL and First National Bank of Commerce and a member of the Louisiana Bar Association and the Federal Communications Bar Associations.

He was elected to the board of the Louisiana, American and National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Mr. Denechaud was a member of the New Orleans Bar Association and served as its vice president from 1944 to 1945. He was also a member of the Louisiana, American and Federal Criminal Courts.

Mr. Denechaud was a member of the Holy Name Society, St. Thomas More Catholic Lawyers Association, Alumni Chapter of Beggars Fraternity, President’s Associates of Loyola University, New Orleans Country Club, Hartford Club and Pickwick Club. He was named Layman of the Year by the Louisiana Hospital Association in 1990 and Outstanding Alumnus of the Year by Jesuit High School in 1978 and received affiliation to the Company of the Natural History.