

with us today, perhaps he would revise his famous statement where he said, "Beer is living proof that God loved us and wants us to be happy." He might preface it with the words, "American craft."

I ask my colleagues to support this fine example of American entrepreneurship, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, it looks like George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Ben Franklin all had something in common in addition to being the Founders of our country. They also liked their beer.

Ms. MARKEY of Colorado. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating American Craft Beer Week, May 17 through May 23, 2010. This is a week to celebrate the many accomplishments of craft brewers and home brewers across the nation.

After Prohibition destroyed local and regional breweries around the United States, it took approximately half a century before the American craft beer industry grew to offer so many distinct beer brands and styles. Until this resurgence, beer lovers had few options to choose from and even fewer options when looking for American-made beer.

Today, American Craft Brewers are brewing smaller batches of quality beers using traditional methods but innovative recipes. Craft brewers in this country create ales, lagers, and porters rivaling the best from around the world. American craft beers have won many international taste and quality competitions. I even know of one small brewer in my district whose fastest growing export market is Belgium, a nation well known for its own beer.

Colorado's Front Range is home to six of the country's 50 largest brewers, a concentration of quality brewers that has led some to dub the area the Napa Valley of Beer. These small businesses have created brands well known nationwide and highly sought after by beer lovers across the globe.

In addition to creating quality beers, it is important to remember what craft brewers do for our communities. Craft brewers work with partners to promote the safe consumption of their products. Many are involved in philanthropic activities, helping to improve the communities around them. Further, many are pioneers in the use of alternative energy and other sustainable practices in their businesses, practices that are unique for a product otherwise manufactured in large industrial breweries.

In celebration of the many contributions made by these small businesses, American Craft Beer Week is a wonderful time to bring more focus to the craft brewing industry. Across the nation, celebrations of this week are taking place in breweries, brewpubs, alehouses, and homes.

To sum up the importance of America's craft brewers, I think it best to quote a few lines from the Brewers Association's Declaration of Beer Independence:

"I declare that these are historic times for beer, with today's beer lover having inalienable rights, among these life, liberty, and the pursuit of hops and malt fermented from the finest of U.S. small and independent craft brewers with more than 1400 of them brewing today . . ."

"I declare American craft brewers provide flavorful and diverse American-made beers in more than 100 distinct styles that have made the United States the envy of every beer-drinking nation for the quality and variety of beers brewed. I declare that beer made by American craft brewers helps to reduce dependence on imported products and therefore contributes to balanced trade, and . . ."

" . . . the makers of these beers produce libations of substance and soul that are sincere and authentic, and the enjoyment of them is about savoring the gastronomic qualities including flavor, aroma, body, and mouthfeel, while practicing responsible appreciation."

I encourage my colleagues to support this resolution celebrating May 17 through 23 as American Craft Beer Week and I encourage responsible beer lovers everywhere to enjoy one of the thousands of craft beers brewed across the United States.

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, America has a long and rich tradition with beer. Many of America's Founding Fathers—including Sam Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, and James Madison—who attempted to establish a "Secretary of Beer" as part of the new nation—were all avid small brewers. Thomas Jefferson built a brewery in his kitchen at Monticello and Benjamin Franklin famously wrote that "Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy."

I have the distinction of serving as a representative from the state of Oregon, which is one of the most enlightened states when it comes to beer. Oregon craft beer represents 3.8 percent of the total volume of beer brewed in the U.S.

Oregon is the second largest producer of hops in the country and the birthplace of the Willamette hop, giving us the IPA and now, the Cascade IPA. The city I represent, Portland, has 33 breweries, more per capita than any city in the world. These breweries provide an economic boost of over \$2.3 billion to the region, promote local agriculture and provide opportunities for social interaction within the community.

Most importantly, the craft brew industry is an engine of job creation. America has over 1500 small brewers. The small brewers in my state employ more than 4,700 individuals while struggling with the higher costs for production, raw materials, and packaging than their larger and in many cases foreign owned competitors. They also operate in one of the most highly regulated business sectors. In spite of this, they are important economic generators in their local communities, avid promoters of our agricultural economy, and tireless in communicating the history and traditions of brewing and the message of responsible enjoyment of their craft made lagers and ales.

I would be remiss if I did not use this time to urge my colleagues to join the Congressional Small Brewers Caucus. The caucus meets regularly to not only celebrate the craft beer industry, but to educate our colleagues on the regulatory challenges these vital small businesses face every day.

I want to thank my colleagues for bringing this resolution to the floor and urge their support of the resolution and of the craft brewers in their district.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. I urge support of 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 Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1297.

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.

HONORING ROBERT KELLY SLATER ON SURFING ACHIEVEMENTS

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 792) honoring Robert Kelly Slater for his outstanding and unprecedented achievements in the world of surfing and for being an ambassador of the sport and excellent role model, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 792

Whereas Robert Kelly Slater was born on February 11, 1972, in Cocoa Beach, Florida;

Whereas Kelly Slater learned to surf in Cocoa Beach, Florida, with his brothers, Sean and Stephen;

Whereas Kelly Slater was a perennial amateur champion in the 1980s, winning 6 Eastern Surfing Association titles and 4 national titles;

Whereas, in 1992, at the age of 20, Kelly Slater was the youngest surfer to win the Association of Surfing Professionals World Championship;

Whereas, between 1992 and 2008, Kelly Slater was a 6-time winner of the Billabong Pipeline Masters, a competition held annually for the 45 top-ranked surfers by the Association of Surfing Professionals at the Banzai Pipeline in Oahu, Hawaii;

Whereas, between 1994 and 1998, Kelly Slater won 5 consecutive Association of Surfing Professionals titles;

Whereas, in 1995 and 1998, Kelly Slater won the Triple Crown of Surfing, the Reef Hawaiian Pro at Haleiwa Ali'i Beach Park, the O'Neill World Cup of Surfing at Sunset Beach, and the Billabong Pipeline Masters at the Banzai Pipeline;

Whereas Kelly Slater was inducted into the Surfers Hall of Fame in 2002;

Whereas, in 2002, Kelly Slater won the Quicksilver in Memory of Eddie Aikau at Waimea Bay in Oahu, Hawaii, a competition that occurs only when waves reach a minimum height of 20 feet;

Whereas Kelly Slater was the 1st surfer ever to be awarded 2 perfect scores in the final heat of the Billabong Tahiti Pro Contest under the Association of Surfing Professionals 2-wave scoring system;

Whereas Kelly Slater won an Association of Surfing Professionals World Title in 2005, 7 years after his previous win in 1998;

Whereas, in 2007, Kelly Slater started the Kelly Slater Foundation to raise awareness and financial support for socially and environmentally conscious charities;

Whereas, in 2008, at the age of 36, Kelly Slater was the oldest surfer to win an Association of Surfing Professionals World Championship;

Whereas, in 2010, Kelly Slater won the Rip Curl Pro Bell Championship, making him a 4-time winner of this 49-year-old international surfing championship held in Australia;

Whereas Kelly Slater has 39 World Championship Tour victories;

Whereas Kelly Slater holds 9 Association of Surfing Professionals World Championships, a record number; and

Whereas Kelly Slater is surfing's all-time leader in career event wins: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives recognizes and honors Robert Kelly Slater for winning the 2010 Rip Curl Pro Bell Championship and for his other outstanding achievements in the world of surfing.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) and the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. BROUN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair now recognizes the gentleman from Illinois.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, I am pleased to present H. Res. 792 for consideration. This resolution honors Robert Kelly Slater for his outstanding achievements in the world of surfing.

H. Res. 792 was introduced by our colleague, the gentleman from Florida, Representative BILL POSEY, on October 1, 2009. It was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, which ordered it to be reported favorably by unanimous consent on May 6, 2010. This measure enjoys the support of 60 cosponsors.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Slater has accomplished a great deal in the world of amateur and professional surfing. As a teenager, he won six Eastern Surfing Association titles and four national titles. At the age of 20, he was the youngest surfer to win the Association of Surfing Professionals World Championship. He has won that title nine times in his career, another record. This year, he won the Rip Curl Pro Bell Championship for the fourth time, earning him yet another international title.

He is, in fact, the all-time leader in career event wins, but his accomplishments are not limited to tackling big waves. In 2007, he founded the Kelly Slater Foundation, an organization

dedicated to raise awareness and financial support for a number of environmental and other charities.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Slater has achieved much in the world of professional surfing. Today we have the opportunity to congratulate him for his successes and to commend him for his charitable works. I thank the gentleman from Florida for introducing this measure, and I also thank Chairman TOWNS and Ranking Member ISSA for their support for the bill.

I urge my colleagues to support its passage and reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BROUN of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 792, honoring Robert Kelly Slater for his outstanding and unprecedented achievements in the world of surfing.

A native of Cocoa Beach, Florida, Kelly Slater has been a dominant surfer since first learning how to surf during his childhood. As an amateur surfer, he quickly entered the spotlight, winning six Eastern Surfing Association and four national titles.

In the 1990s, he was already a household name. In 1992, he won his first Association of Surfing Professionals World Championship when he was only 20 years of age, making him the youngest person ever to win the title. From 1994 to 1998, Slater continued to rack up world titles. He won the world championship title five times in a row, for a combined nine championships. He has won more championships than any other surfer. In 2002, he became a member of the Surfers Hall of Fame.

In addition to his success in surfing competitions, Slater has appeared in commercials and television shows, as well as having a wide variety of surfing sponsorships. Throughout his entire career, Kelly Slater has continued to make surfing more popular as more people across the globe become aware of his expertise in the sport. He also created the Kelly Slater Foundation to raise money for major charities, such as the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and the World Skin Cancer Foundation.

Madam Speaker, Kelly Slater has continued to excite surfers across the entire country and the world. I ask my colleagues to support this resolution to honor Kelly Slater's work.

Madam Speaker, I yield as much time as he may consume to my distinguished colleague from Florida (Mr. POSEY), the sponsor of this resolution.

Mr. POSEY. I thank the gentleman from Georgia for yielding.

Madam Speaker, I rise also to honor the surfing achievements of Kelly Slater. He is the dominant world champion of surfing. Last month, he became the Rip Curl Pro Bell Champion for the fourth time, adding to the 42 international championships he has won. He

is unmatched, unparalleled in the world of surfing. Obviously, he is an inspiration to many.

Robert Kelly Slater grew up in Cocoa Beach, Florida, born there on February 11, 1972. He learned to surf on Cocoa Beach with his brothers Sean and Stephen. He routinely won amateur championships in the eighties, and six Eastern Surfing Association championships and four national titles.

In 1992, at the age of 20, Kelly Slater was the youngest surfer ever to win the Association of Surfing Professionals World Championship. He is a six-time winner of the Billabong Pipeline Masters. That's 1992 to 2008. The Billabong Pipeline Masters is a competition held annually at the Bonzai Pipeline in Oahu, Hawaii. Forty-five of the top-ranked surfers ranked by the Association of Surfing Professionals compete. Again, Kelly Slater's achievements there are unprecedented.

He won five consecutive Association of Surfing Professionals titles between 1994 and 1998. In 1995 and 1998, Kelly Slater won the surfing triple crown: the Reef Hawaiian Pro at Haleiwa Ali'i Beach Park, the O'Neill World Cup of Surfing at Sunset Beach, and the Billabong Pipeline Masters at the Bonzai Pipeline. In 2002, he won the Quicksilver, in memory of Eddie Aikau, at Waimea Bay in Oahu, Hawaii. Competition occurs there only when the surfing conditions have waves that are at least 20 feet high. He was the first surfer ever to be awarded two perfect scores under the Association of Surfing Professionals two-wave scoring system, awarded in the final heat of the Billabong Tahiti Pro Contest.

In 2005, Kelly Slater won an Association of Surfing Professionals World Title 7 years after his previous win in 1998. In 2008, he was the oldest surfer, at age 36, to win the Association of Surfing Professionals World Championship title. Kelly Slater has 39 Championship Tour victories. He holds the most Association of Surfing Professionals World Championships ever, a total of nine. He is surfing's all-time leader in career event wins and was inducted into the Surfing Hall of Fame in 2002.

As was mentioned, he has established the Kelly Slater Foundation. He did that in 2007. Its purpose is to raise money and awareness for existing social causes, as were previously mentioned, and also environmentally conscious charities.

Just a few words about Florida surfing. Florida has 1,350 miles of coastline suitable for surfing. Forty percent of east coast surfing occurs in Florida. There are over a dozen popular surfing areas in Florida's 15th Congressional District. Ron Jon Surf Shop was opened in Cocoa Beach by Ron DiMenna in 1963. Now there are three such stores in Florida, South Carolina, and Canada. The Cocoa Beach location

is the largest surfing store in the world.

Kelly Slater is Florida's first surfing champion and, obviously, one of the greatest surfers of all time.

For those who may not be familiar with surfing as an industry, it is an important part of our economy. According to SIMA, that's the Surf Industry Manufacturers Association, even during recession and economic challenges, the surf industry remains resilient. It had \$7.22 billion in sales in 2008 and considerable growth over the past several years. In 2009, Ron Jon Surf Shop in Cocoa Beach was named one of the 25 Best Independent Retailers by Business Week. Ron Jon employs 500 people and has over \$50 million in annual revenues.

In conclusion, I state again that Kelly Slater's achievements are unprecedented. In passing this resolution, we are acknowledging his many wonderful achievements.

I want to again thank MAZIE HIRONO of Hawaii and over 60 other cosponsors that we have for participating in this resolution, and I urge my colleagues, each and every one, to support its passage.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I want to thank Representative POSEY for bringing surfing and for bringing Mr. Slater to our attention. Both are just unbelievable.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BROUN of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, it's been a pleasure sharing the floor with the gentleman from Georgia this afternoon, Representative BROUN. I want to thank him for his comments and urge passage of this resolution, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 792, 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.

The title was amended so as to read: "Resolution recognizing and honoring Robert Kelly Slater for winning the 2010 Rip Curl Pro Bell Championship and for his other outstanding achievements in the world of surfing."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 5 p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HEINRICH) at 6 o'clock and 33 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

- H.R. 2288, by the yeas and nays;
- H.R. 4614, by the yeas and nays;
- H. Res. 1327, by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

ENDANGERED FISH RECOVERY PROGRAMS IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2010

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2288, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. NAPOLITANO) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2288, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 264, nays 122, not voting 44, as follows:

[Roll No. 273]

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