

H. Res. 599

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

November 15 (legislative day, November 14), 2002.

Whereas on October 27, 2002, the Anaheim Angels won the 2002 World Series;

Whereas the Angels captured their first World Series title in the team's 42-year history;

Whereas the Anaheim Angels defeated the Central Division champion Minnesota Twins to win the American League Championship Series;

Whereas the Angels defeated the Eastern Division and defending American League champion New York Yankees to win the American League Division Series;

Whereas the Angels won a team-record 110 games (including 99 games in the regular season);

Whereas the Angels' team of skilled players, including Troy Glaus, Tim Salmon, Scott Spiezio, David Eckstein, Garret Anderson, Darin Erstad, Adam Kennedy, Bengie Molina, Brad Fullmer, John Lackey, Troy Percival, Francisco Rodriguez, Kevin Appier, Jarrod Washburn, Ben Weber, Brendan Donnelly, Alex Ochoa, Ramon Ortiz, Scott Schoeneweis, Shawn Wooten, Jose Molina, Chone Figgins, Benji Gil, Orlando Palmeiro, and Scot Shields, contributed extraordinary performances during the playoffs and the World Series;

Whereas third baseman Troy Glaus, who batted .385 with 3 home runs and 8 RBI, was named Most Valuable Player of the 2002 World Series;

Whereas Manager Mike Scioscia, who provided strong leadership and solid coaching for a baseball team that was dominant in the regular season and in postseason play, was named American League Manager of the Year;

Whereas Bill Stoneman, General Manager of the Anaheim Angels, has shown dedication to the Angels franchise, successfully putting together a team of high-quality, winning players;

Whereas the Anaheim Angels were founded in 1961 by Gene Autry, the famous “Singing Cowboy” and star of motion picture and television;

Whereas on the day he became the first country musician to receive a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, Gene Autry said, “There’s only one day that will be bigger than this one for me, and that’s when we win the World Series”;

Whereas Jackie Autry carries on the spirit of her husband as Honorary President of the American League, and continues to be the Angels’ most devoted fan;

Whereas great players and managers, including Nolan Ryan, Gene Mauch, Jim Fregosi, Rod Carew, Don Baylor, and Wally Joyner, have helped the Angels develop a strong baseball tradition in their short history, which includes winning Western Division championships in 1979, 1982, and 1986;

Whereas the Angels fans supported their team with exceptional enthusiasm and spirit, and introduced the power of

the Rally Monkey to a once-disbelieving array of opponents; and

Whereas the Angels captivated the Nation and inspired the pride of all Americans with their historic performance: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) congratulates—

(A) the Anaheim Angels for winning the 2002 Major League Baseball World Series championship and for their outstanding performance during the 2002 Major League Baseball season; and

(B) all of the eight Major League Baseball teams that played in the postseason;

(2) recognizes the achievements of the Angels players, coaches, and support staff whose hard work, dedication, and never-say-die spirit proved instrumental in the Angels' first-ever World Series victory;

(3) commends the San Francisco Giants for a valiant performance during the World Series and for showing their strength and skill as a team; and

(4) directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to—

(A) Angels players;

(B) Angels Manager Mike Scioscia;

(C) Angels General Manager Bill Stoneman;

(D) The Walt Disney Company; and

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(E) Jackie Autry.

Attest:

Clerk.