

Jacob Frazier, 24, was a staff sergeant in the U.S. Air Force attached to special forces. A native of St. Charles, he enlisted in the Illinois Air National Guard in 1997. He was assigned to the 169th Air Support Operations Squadron, 182nd Airlift Wing in Peoria, Illinois.

Sadly, Staff Sergeant Frazier died on March 23, 2003, from wounds sustained from an ambush in Geresk, southern Afghanistan. He was the Illinois Air National Guard's first combat casualty in Afghanistan.

Jacob Frazier leaves behind his parents, Jim and Joyce; four younger siblings, sisters Jessica and Kathryn, and twin brothers, Zachary and Daniel; his fiancée, Jessica Fregin; and a host of other family members.

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Mr. Speaker, it is always an honor to stand on the House floor and recognize the ultimate sacrifice of a soldier. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Frazier family and Ms. Fregin. It is indeed proper and fitting that we honor Staff Sergeant Jacob Frazier by designating the St. Charles Post Office, and I urge the swift passage of this legislation.

Mr. HASTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3767, a bill to designate the U.S. postal facility at 2600 Oak Street in St. Charles, Illinois, the Jacob L. Frazier Post Office Building.

I thank the entire Illinois delegation for co-sponsoring this legislation honoring Jacob L. Frazier, the first soldier from my district to lose his life in the War on Terror.

Staff Sergeant Jacob Frazier served as a tactical air controller with the Illinois National Guard 182nd Airlift Wing based in Peoria, Illinois.

Jacob was killed while working with the Army's elite Green Berets on March 29, 2003.

His team was ambushed in a southern province of Afghanistan as it returned from touring a clinic and school that were recently built with American aid.

Staff Sergeant Jacob Frazier was 24 years old.

He left behind his proud and loving family, parents Joyce and Jim, sisters Jessica and Kathryn, brothers Zachary and Daniel, and fiancée Jessica Fregin.

To his family, Jacob was more than a brother and son—he was a compassionate and loyal friend.

To his classmates at Burlington Central High School in Burlington, Illinois, Jacob was a natural leader who consistently thought of others before himself.

And to his fellow soldiers, Jacob was the tireless worker who never turned down a mission.

Faced with unlimited potential in his young life, Jacob made the courageous and conscious decision to put himself in harm's way to defend the people and ideals of his country.

It is only because of such selflessness that our Nation enjoys peace and freedom at home—and we must never forget his sacrifice.

By dedicating the St. Charles postal facility in Jacob's name, we ensure that his legacy will carry on for years to come.

Family, friends and community members will have an enduring reminder of the man they knew and loved.

And those who never had the honor of meeting Jacob will be reminded of the American patriot who set aside his self-interest and safety to achieve a greater good.

Further, the Jacob L. Frazier Post Office will serve as a memorial to all the brave men and women from the Fox Valley who have given their lives while serving this great Nation.

Once again, I thank the members of the Illinois delegation for co-sponsoring this legislation and urge my colleagues to approve H.R. 3767 and create a lasting memory for this truly great American.

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

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to join me in passage of H.R. 3767.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. GUTKNECHT) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3767.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CONGRATULATING THE WEST OAHU LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2005 LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 429) congratulating the West Oahu Little League Baseball team for winning the 2005 Little League Baseball World Series.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 429

Whereas on Sunday, August 28, 2005, the West Oahu Little League baseball team of Ewa Beach, Hawaii, defeated the Curacao Little League team by a score of 7-6 to win the 2005 Little League World Series Championship at South Williamsport, Pennsylvania;

Whereas the Championship game was one of the most exciting in Little League history, with West Oahu overcoming a 3-run deficit and winning the game in the seventh inning;

Whereas the 2005 West Oahu Little League World Championship team consists of players Layson "Kaeo" Aliviado, Harrison Kam, Ty Tirpak, Zachary Ranit, Ethan Javier, Vonn Fe'ao, Quentin Guevara, Sheyne Baniaga, Michael Memea, Zachary Rosete, Myron "Kini" Enos, Jr., Alaka'i Aglipay, Manager Layton Aliviado, Dugout Coach Tyron Kitashima, and First Base Coach Clint Tirpak;

Whereas the championship victory of the West Oahu Little League Baseball Team testifies to the sportsmanship, hard work, and dedication of its members; and

Whereas the achievement of the West Oahu Little League Baseball Team is the cause of enormous pride for the Nation, the State of Hawaii and the community of Ewa Beach: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives congratulates the West Oahu Little

League Baseball Team on its victory in the 2005 Little League World Series Championship games.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. GUTKNECHT) and the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. MALONEY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. GUTKNECHT).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, 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 the resolution under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker the West Oahu Little League Baseball team in Ewa Beach, Hawaii defeated Curacao by a score of 7-6 to win the 2005 Little League World Series Championship at South Williamsport, Pennsylvania on August 28. This resolution congratulates the team, their coaches, their parents, families, and friends for their incredible journey to the world championship.

Mr. Speaker, this was the first American team to win the World Series since Louisville, Kentucky defeated Japan in 2002. The road to the world championship and the experience of playing against the best players in the world at their age will be remembered and cherished by these young men for the rest of their lives.

I thank the gentleman from Hawaii (Mr. ABERCROMBIE) for introducing this measure on behalf of the Ewa Beach Little League championship team.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, on August 28, 2005, the West Oahu Little League Baseball team, hailing from Ewa Beach, Hawaii, won the Little League World Series championship in South Williamsport, Pennsylvania. They beat the defending champions from Willemstad, Curacao by a score of 7-6 in dramatic fashion.

Trailing for much of the game, the West Oahu team rallied in the bottom of the sixth inning, evening the score at 6-6 and sending the game into extra innings. The first batter in the bottom of the seventh inning hit a spectacular home run over the center field wall to seal the victory for the West Oahu team, the first Little League World Series champions in the history of the State of Hawaii.

The West Oahu victory in the 59th Little League World Series championship is and likely will remain one of the most exciting finishes in the championship's storied history. The hard work and dedication of West Oahu team members and their coaches and

their families and friends are reflected in this tremendous accomplishment.

I hope my colleagues will join me in congratulating this team in their momentous achievement in winning the Little League World Series championship.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from the great State of Hawaii (Mr. ABERCROMBIE), the author of this resolution.

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak in favor of House Resolution 429, as one might imagine.

As has been indicated, on Sunday August 28, 2005, the West Oahu Little League team from Ewa Beach, Hawaii won the Little League World Series in South Williamsport, Pennsylvania. They overcame a three-run deficit to win the world championship by defeating the Curacao team 7-6 in an extra-inning cliff-hanger.

It was one of the most exciting championship games in Little League history. And I thank many of the Members, Mr. Speaker, who commented upon it to me when I returned to the House. They enjoyed it as well.

The 2005 West Oahu Little League championship team consists of players Layson "Kaeo" Aliviado, Harrison Kam, Ty Tirpak, Zachary Ranit, Ethan Javier, Vonn Fa'eo, Quentin Guevera, Sheyne Baniaga, Michael Memea, Zachary Rosete, Myron "Kini" Enos, Jr., Alaka'i Aglipay, and Manager Layton Aliviado, dugout coach Tyron Kitashima, and first base coach Clint Tirpak.

In their quest for the championship, the West Oahu Little League team demonstrated the highest level of achievement, commitment, self-discipline, and sportsmanship. Their achievement has generated enormous pride in their hometown of Ewa Beach, throughout the State of Hawaii, and across the Nation.

Aloha, and a well-earned congratulations to the world champions: the West Oahu Little League team.

And may I conclude, Mr. Speaker, by thanking the chairman and the good representative from New York (Mrs. MALONEY) for their help in putting this resolution forward and for their support.

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Hawaii (Mr. CASE).

Mr. CASE. Mr. Speaker, I am very happy to join the gentleman from Hawaii (Mr. ABERCROMBIE) in introducing this resolution. I also thank our colleagues for bringing it forward on to the floor to give us a chance to show our pride in our great Hawaii as well as our country.

I remember as a young boy being given a book by my parents. It was one of those Reader's Digest books of annotated inspirational stories, and in that book was a story of an American team who came from great odds to win the Little League World championship. I wish I could remember today what year that was or what team that was, but

never in my wildest dreams would I have expected to be standing here on the floor of the House congratulating a team from my Hawaii for doing the exact same thing so many decades later.

Anybody that watched this team come through the brackets to win the championship of our Nation could not help but have incredible pride at their achievements, and anybody that watched that game watched one of the great sporting events in history when the team came back from incredible odds to tie the score and then go on through fierce determination to win the championship of the world, and a team from Ewa Beach, Hawaii. Such an amazing, amazing accomplishment for the boys from Ewa Beach. And as we watched that game, we saw not only the epitome of Little League, not only the epitome of our country, but the very epitome of team spirit and team aloha. We saw parents urging that team on. We saw willpower. We saw commitment. We saw fire coming out of that pitcher's eyes in the bottom of that last inning, and we saw that home run being hit off of sheer determination.

We are so proud in Hawaii of our Ewa Beach World Series champions. We are so proud of what we have accomplished. We are so proud to do this on behalf of our entire country.

I wish all of our team the very best as they go forward with their lives, having had the experience of their lives. And I wish to this House and to the Senate and to this Congress a great gratitude for being able to stand here and brag about the great team from Hawaii. Mahalo aloha.

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

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

I do want to just personally, as one who loves baseball, who believes that baseball is America's pastime, congratulate this wonderful team and all of its supporters in the aloha State for bringing the trophy back to the United States of America.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 429 congratulating the West Oahu Little League baseball team for winning the 2005 Little League Baseball World Series. I commend my good friends Mr. ABERCROMBIE and Mr. CASE for introducing this Resolution.

The West Oahu Little League baseball team truly deserves the accolades this Resolution bestows upon these young boys deserve to be recognized for their tremendous accomplishment as the first Little League World Series Champions from the state of Hawaii.

With one swing of the bat, the simple joy of baseball was transformed into a monumental achievement as Michael Memea's home run lifted the West Oahu Team to the Little League World Championship title. Now, this team is a source of great pride for Hawaii and for all Americans. Throughout the Series, people in Hawaii were glued to their television

sets for news of the progress of the West Oahu team. When the travel-weary, newly crowned Champions arrived at the airport in Honolulu, they were greeted by a crowd of over 700 people, including Governor Lingle, Mayor Mufi Hanneman, and the state representatives from Ewa Beach.

The young men on this team and their coaches deserve the highest praise for winning the Little League World Series and I am proud to support this Resolution honoring their achievement.

Mr. CASE. Mr. Speaker, I rise with deep pride today to honor and congratulate the West Oahu Little League Baseball Team of Ewa Beach, Hawaii for winning the 2005 Little League World Series Championship in one of the most exciting championship games ever played, in any sport, any league!

It was almost a miracle that these champions, the very best of our Hawaii and country, even made it to the championship, fighting their way through some of the toughest brackets and past great teams from throughout our nation. And in the bottom of the sixth and last inning, down 6-3, their great coach, Layton Aliviado, told them: "If you guys want it, let's go get it."

That's exactly what the team did, scoring three runs to tie the game and send it into extra innings. Then, in the top of the first extra inning, a fiery and determined Vonn Fe'ao shut down opposing Curacao, last year's world champs, striking out the batters in order. And in the bottom of that inning, Jason Memea blasted a walk-off solo home run to win the game and world championship.

To all the members of our West Oahu team—Alaka'i Aglipay, Layson Aliviado, Sheyne Baniaga, Myron "Kini" Enos, Vonn Fe'ao, Quentin Guevera, Ethan Javier, Harrison Kam, Michael Memea, Zachary Ranit, Zachary Rosete, Ty Tirpak—and their coaches—Layton Aliviado, Tyron Kitashima and Clint Tirpak—mahalo nui loa—(thank you very much) for representing our state of Hawaii and the rest of our Nation with great pride and aloha that exemplifies "one team, one dream." You showed the heart of champions, epitomizing the best of baseball, sport, our Hawaii and the indomitable spirit of our country.

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as Chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus in strong support of H. Res. 429, introduced by my colleagues from Hawaii, Representatives ABERCROMBIE and CASE, to congratulate this year's Little League World Series Champions.

On Sunday, August 28, 2005, the West Oahu Little League Baseball team was thrust into the international spotlight by winning the Little League Baseball World Series. This victory brought enormous pride to the United States as well as the Asian and Pacific Islander American (APIA) community. In one of the most exciting championship games in Little League history, athletes and coaches from Ewa Beach, Hawaii, primarily of APIA decent, exemplified the American "can-do-spirit" with a come from behind victory over the equally talented Little League team from Curacao.

For many of the international participants in the Little League World Series Championships, this tournament held in Williamsport, Pennsylvania is their first trip to the continental United States. This was also true for the team from West Oahu. Their dramatic victory is a testament to their determination, courage and perseverance.

Although the championship was ultimately delivered with one dramatic swing of the bat, getting to that position results from tremendous work, commitment and sacrifices made by players, coaches, volunteers, municipal park employees, teachers and most importantly the families of the players.

Mr. Speaker, let us encourage our young champions from Eva Beach to keep swinging for the fence, on and off the field and let them be role models for all of us.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. GUTKNECHT) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 429.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SUPPORTING GOLD STAR MOTHERS DAY

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 61) supporting the goals and ideals of Gold Star Mothers Day.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. J. RES. 61

Whereas the American Gold Star Mothers have suffered the supreme sacrifice of motherhood by losing sons and daughters who served in the Armed Forces, and thus perpetuate the memory of all whose lives were sacrificed in our wars;

Whereas the American Gold Star Mothers assist veterans of the Armed Forces and their dependents in the presentation of claims to the Veterans' Administration, and aid the men and women who served and died or were wounded or incapacitated during hostilities;

Whereas the services rendered to the United States by the mothers of America have strengthened and inspired our Nation throughout our history;

Whereas we honor ourselves and the mothers of America when we revere and emphasize the role of the home and the family as the true foundations of our Nation;

Whereas by doing so much for the home, the American mother is a source of moral and spiritual guidance for the people of the United States and thus acts as a positive force to promote good government and peace among all mankind; and

Whereas September 25, 2005, is being recognized as Gold Star Mothers Day: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Congress—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of Gold Star Mothers Day; and

(2) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. GUTKNECHT) and the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. MALONEY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. GUTKNECHT).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material therein on the joint resolution under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

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

Gold Star Mothers is an organization that was founded back in 1928, and it is an organization that no one would ever want to join.

For the benefit of those who do not know, there is only one way that one can become a member of the Gold Star Mothers Association, and that is that they receive a message from the Pentagon, and normally that comes in the form of two uniformed officers coming to their door to inform them that they have lost a son or a daughter in combat.

The organization was started back in 1928 by a group of mothers who thought that they could help each other in the healing process by coming together. They also thought it was important to advance the goals of the United States of America and to continue to remind us about our patriotic responsibilities as Americans.

The Gold Star Mothers have been around a long time. In 1936 President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed a proclamation designating that the fourth Sunday in September will be Gold Star Mothers Day, and, unfortunately, we as Americans began to forget that the fourth Sunday in September was designated as Gold Star Mothers Day.

A year ago I was at a special celebration in Rochester, Minnesota at our veterans memorial where they unveiled a new statue depicting a Gold Star Mother, and many of the veterans that were there and some of the leaders of that group asked if I would do all that I could to remind Americans that there is a special day for Gold Star Mothers and to do what I could to at least bring attention to the fact that the fourth Sunday this year, September 25, is Gold Star Mothers Day. So we began that process almost a year ago of putting together this joint resolution of doing what we can to call attention to the fact, that they do have a special day and they deserve special recognition not only by Members of this House and the United States Congress but by all Americans. So we have put together this joint resolution. I am happy to say that we have well over 200 cosponsors in the House. And, frankly, I suspect if we were given enough time, we would have virtually every Member of this House in support of this joint resolution.

This is not about making any political statement of any kind. These are

very special people. They deserve our recognition. This Sunday, September 25, is their day. So this joint resolution is just calling attention not only to the House, but hopefully to all Americans, that Gold Star Mothers are special people, they have a special day, and we recognize them on September 25.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, the American Gold Star Mothers is an organization of women whose sons and daughters gave their lives in the service of their country. It is a group no one wishes to be a member of, but as their children answered the call of duty, so do mothers who are left behind.

Grace Darling Seibold was compelled to help others grieve and veterans heal upon learning of her own son's death in 1918 during World War I. "Realizing that self-contained grief is self-destructive," Seibold formed a group of grieving mothers to comfort not only each other but wounded soldiers as well.

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The group of 25 mothers who bonded by sacrifice and tragedy was formally established as Gold Star Mothers, Inc., on January 5, 1929. The Gold Star Mothers organization now consists of over 900 members. The organization assists veterans with benefit claims, families with funeral arrangements, and, of course, mothers with grief. The Gold Star Mothers are a true representation of the many levels of service and sacrifice that exists in the defense of our country.

The Gold Star Mothers are a true testament to American patriotism and should be recognized for their sacrifice. Mr. Speaker, I move that my colleagues in the Senate and the House of Representatives join me in recognizing the establishment of Gold Star Mothers Day.

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

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to my distinguished colleague from the State of New Jersey (Mr. SMITH).

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I thank my good friend and colleague, the gentleman from Minnesota (Chairman GUTKNECHT), for offering this legislation. It is very timely and extremely important. I also thank him for his sensitivity to our Nation's Gold Star Mothers who have suffered so much.

I am proud to rise today, Mr. Speaker, to strongly support H.J. Res. 61, which recognizes a group of very, very special women, American's Gold Star Mothers. These women are from different parts of our great country and have different backgrounds, are of varying age, hold different beliefs, and practice different religions.

Despite so many differences, they share the same experience. Each of these women raised a young man or