

nearby Allentown, Pennsylvania. During a dedication ceremony on October 16, 2005, the amazing volunteers from Union Church welcomed this family to their newly renovated home and presented them with a check for the first month's mortgage, a new lawnmower, and numerous other housewarming gifts provided by the congregation.

Tomorrow, November 5, 2005, members of the Union Church and the local community will gather for a banquet at the Emerald Fire Company to mark the conclusion of their year-long Anniversary celebration.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing the anniversary of the Union United Church of Christ of Neffs, Pennsylvania.

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CONGRATULATING THE CHICAGO  
WHITE SOX ON WINNING THE 2005  
WORLD SERIES

SPEECH OF

**HON. MELISSA L. BEAN**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 2, 2005*

Ms. BEAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 2005 World Champion Chicago White Sox. Chicagoans—particularly those on the South Side—have been waiting 88 years for this historic win. Today, I am proud to join my colleagues in the Illinois delegation, our constituents across the State and White Sox fans across the country to celebrate the team's long-awaited victory.

Led by manager Ozzie Guillen, the 2005 White Sox finished the regular season with 99 wins and 63 losses—the best record in the American League. After the regular season,

the White Sox went on to sweep last year's champions the Boston Red Sox and then marched past the Los Angeles Angels.

Facing off against the Houston Astros in the World Series, it was immediately evident that this could be our year. Throughout the series, we all sat on the edge of our seats witnessing great baseball between two formidable opponents, ultimately resulting in the White Sox sweeping the series and finishing the playoffs 11 and 1.

This year's team proved that hard work, dedication, and the desire to win can prevail against all odds. I want to again congratulate the players and management as well as the fans of the Chicago White Sox. The 2005 World Championship may have been long in the waiting, but don't expect us to wait another 88 years for the next one.

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BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE  
COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

**HON. ELTON GALLEGLY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 4, 2005*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of this resolution and in opposition to the Base Realignment and Closure Commission recommendations.

I recognize the need to streamline the military in order to save tax dollars, increase military effectiveness, and protect our troops that are serving across the world. I agree that we should close bases and realign functions that have outlived their usefulness. However, I support this resolution because the recommendations made by the BRAC Commis-

sion for Naval Air Station Pt. Mugu in my district do not serve these goals.

The BRAC Commission recommended moving specialized jobs on a target range from an oceanfront location at Naval Air Station Point Mugu in Ventura, CA to China Lake Naval Weapons Station, which is 150 miles inland in the high desert. This would necessitate the moving of flights and technicians back toward the ocean each time they are needed. Relocation of these flights and the technicians will increase response times to the range, reduce on-range time, and increase operating costs.

Furthermore, I've been told by a number of my constituents, the civilian scientists and technicians at Naval Air Station Pt. Mugu, that they do not wish to move from the ocean to the high desert. This would result in a tremendous loss of intellectual capital that would add to the cost and timetable of relocation as new scientists and technicians would need to be found, trained, and given the proper security reviews. Not only does this not appear to save money and increase efficiency, I am concerned that it will negatively impact military readiness.

This recommendation is forecasted to save a mere \$6 million over twenty years. Given the fact that the figures provided by the Department of Defense have been consistently inaccurate throughout this process, I question whether it will be even this much. Furthermore, the negligible savings from these recommendations do not take into account the additional non-military costs incurred by communities due to unemployment benefits and other social welfare programs necessary to help those who lose jobs because of the base closures. This could end up costing the Federal Government more money rather than it saves.