

IN HONOR OF DODGER STADIUM
IN RECOGNITION OF ITS 50TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2012

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of Los Angeles' greatest landmarks, Dodger Stadium, home of the Los Angeles Dodgers. The 2012 season marks the 50th anniversary of Dodger Stadium.

It ranks as the third oldest, continually-used park in Major League Baseball and still one of the most attended and highly regarded stadiums in America. Dodger Stadium has hosted more than 143 million fans since it opened its doors in 1962. The club topped the 3.85 million attendance mark in 2007, which stands as the all-time franchise record.

Ever since Brooklyn Dodger President Walter O'Malley decided to move his team to Los Angeles in 1958 and bring Major League Baseball to California for the first time, this stadium has been home to some of the most memorable events in Dodger history. Many Dodger fans still recall Sandy Koufax's perfect game in 1965, the rise of Fernandomania, and Kirk Gibson's walk-off home run in Game 1 of the 1988 World Series.

Since opening its gates, Dodger Stadium has hosted eight World Series and the Los Angeles Dodgers have won four World Championships, eight National League pennants, 11 National League Western Division crowns and two National League Wild Card berths. From 1992 to 1996, the Dodgers set a major league baseball record with five consecutive players being named Rookie of the year: Eric Karros, Mike Piazza, Raul Mondesi, Hideo Nomo and Todd Hollandsworth.

Dodger Stadium has awed spectators with a breathtaking view of downtown Los Angeles to the south; green, tree-lined Elysian hills to the north and east; and the San Gabriel Mountains beyond. Walter O'Malley and architect Emil Praeger designed the 56,000-seat stadium, the second privately financed ballpark in baseball history. Its wavy roof atop each outfield pavilion, cantilevered grandstands and unique terraced-earthworks parking lot behind the main stands make Dodger Stadium one of the most innovatively designed baseball stadiums.

Besides being home of the Los Angeles Dodgers, the stadium has played host to the Major League Baseball All-Star Game in 1980 and the Olympic Games' baseball competition in 1984. The eight-team competition during the 1984 Olympic Games marked baseball's greatest involvement in the Olympic Games to that point. The Olympic spirit returned to Los Angeles again in 1991, as Dodger Stadium hosted the Opening Ceremonies for the United States Olympic Festival. In 2004, the Olympic Torch relay in Los Angeles concluded at Dodger Stadium as Rafer Johnson lit the cauldron at Chavez Ravine.

Dodger Stadium has also been the site of numerous non-baseball major events. On Sep-

tember 16, 1987 Pope John Paul II celebrated Mass at Dodger Stadium to a crowd of 63,000 people. Entertainers from around the world have performed here as well, such as Madonna, The Beatles and Michael Jackson. Dodger Stadium also staged one of the world's greatest entertainment events in 1994, when internationally-renowned tenors Jose Carreras, Placido Domingo and Luciano Pavarotti reunited for a spectacular concert performance "Encore—The Three Tenors" with conductor Zubin Mehta.

Without a doubt, Dodger Stadium is one of America's treasured venues. It continues to be a major part of the history and tradition of the Dodgers. It has been the home of one of professional sports' most storied franchises, a destination for a worldwide fan base and an enduring monument for a bustling, multicultural city. For 50 years in the heart of Los Angeles, Dodger Stadium has truly been a home for both a team and a community. I am honored to have such an organization and landmark in the 31st Congressional District of California.

Mr. Speaker, it is with deep pride that I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the "Golden Anniversary" of one of America's great landmarks, Dodger Stadium.

TRIBUTE TO FLOMATON POLICE
CHIEF DANIEL THOMPSON

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Police Chief Daniel Thompson of the Flomaton, Alabama Police Department for his heroic efforts to save the life of a 3-year-old boy on July 7, 2012.

While off-duty at the house of a friend, Chief Thompson was alerted by calls for help from a neighboring house. He acted quickly to reach a child who was unresponsive after falling into a swimming pool. Chief Thompson promptly performed CPR on the boy for several minutes until the boy regained consciousness. Other rescuers soon responded and took over care of the child. Due to Chief Thompson's well-trained and swift efforts, the young boy was able to be air lifted to Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola where he made a full recovery.

Chief Thompson began his career in law enforcement seven years ago, and he is quoted as saying, "I always wanted to do something to help people." His actions serve as a model for others, and also show that public servants are never truly off duty. While we often take their service for granted, it can truly be a blessing when they are nearby in our time of need. While Chief Thompson may not have been wearing his badge at the time of the incident, his actions reflect a man who wears the motto "to protect and serve" in his heart.

This incident also illustrates the importance of being trained in CPR. One may never use the skill; however, when faced with a crisis situation, it may mean the difference between

life and death. Flomaton Fire Chief Steve Stanton called Chief Thompson "a real hero," and I think we all share his sentiments. I would like to echo his comments.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Alabama and my colleagues in the Alabama delegation, I wish to extend personal appreciation to Chief Thompson for his quick action to save a life, and to all those who serve us every day in our communities. We can never thank them enough.

IN RECOGNITION OF COL. TIMOTHY
SULLIVAN'S CHANGE OF COM-
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HON. MIKE ROGERS

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Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize Colonel Timothy Sullivan who will have a change of command from Anniston Army Depot in August.

Sullivan received a commission as an Ordnance Officer in 1988 after graduating from Jacksonville State University. He later earned a Master of Science Degree in Information Systems Management from Florida Tech University in 2001 and a Master of Strategic Studies from the Air War College, Air University in 2010.

His previous assignments include Platoon Leader, 503rd Maintenance Company, 530th S&S Battalion, 1st COSCOM; Platoon Leader and Shop Officer, Charlie Company, 782nd Maintenance Battalion, 82nd DISCOM, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.; Company Commander, 520th Maintenance Company, 194th Maintenance Battalion, 23rd Area Support Group, Camp Humphrey's Korea; Operations Officer and Brigade Executive Officer, 59th Ordnance Brigade, Redstone Arsenal, Ala.; RTD Team Chief, 351st Infantry Battalion, 158th Infantry Brigade, Patrick Air Force Base, Fla.; Support Operations Officer and Battalion Executive Officer, 13th Corps Support Battalion, 3rd Sustainment Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Benning, Ga.; APMS, Auburn University Army ROTC; Commander, 13th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 3rd Sustainment Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division; Chief, Logistics Division, Special Operations Command, Joint Forces Command (SOCJFCOM), SOCOM, Suffolk, Va.; and, most recently, graduate of the Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

While at Anniston Army Depot, he safely helped execute millions of direct labor hours while helping overhaul and maintain our nation's critical combat equipment. His hands-on leadership for the workforce helped ensure our nation's military was provided the best possible equipment available to keep them as safe as possible while allowing them to accomplish their vital mission.

Mr. Speaker, we will miss Colonel Sullivan in Anniston, but wish him the very best.