

all candidates and all parties and outside groups are playing by the rules.

After the outrageous amount of money spent in the 1996 election, after all the charges and countercharges of abuse, impropriety and quid pro quo, and after what we have already witnessed in the opening months of the election season this year, it would be appalling, in my judgment, if the 105th Congress were to adjourn without passing a single reform of this deplorable system.

Madam President, I urge my colleagues to support the McCain-Feingold legislation and begin the process of restoring a sense of integrity and confidence to our democratic process.

I yield the floor.

Mr. GORTON addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. COLLINS). The Senator from Washington is recognized.

Mr. GORTON. Madam President, I note that at least two Senators are on the floor who wish to introduce a resolution on another subject, a subject that I think is appropriate. At this point, I yield to the Senator from Missouri.

Mrs. BOXER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that at the conclusion of the remarks of the Senator from Missouri, I be granted time to express my support for what he is about to do.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Missouri is recognized.

RECOGNIZING MARK MCGWIRE OF THE ST. LOUIS CARDINALS FOR BREAKING THE HISTORIC HOME RUN RECORD

Mr. BOND. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 273.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 273) recognizing the historic home run record set by Mark McGwire of the St. Louis Cardinals on September 8, 1998.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. BOND. Madam President, it is a great honor and with pleasure that I introduce this resolution for myself, Mr. ASHCROFT, the Senator from California, and others who may wish to join us.

Yesterday, I was on this floor describing a very difficult predicament that Major League baseball was encountering. It seemed, as of early yesterday morning, that the Internal Revenue Service might say that a fan who caught a historic home run ball hit by Mark McGwire and turned it back to him might be liable for \$150,000 or more

in gift taxes on that ball. We pointed out that that made no sense. I am proud to say that we had bipartisan support for that proposition, Madam President. There are very few things that have brought this Chamber together more than that one simple proposition.

I was very pleased yesterday afternoon to have a call from Commissioner Rossotti of the IRS, who understood the magnitude of the problem this could cause. He advised me that he has issued a release from the IRS saying that, while resolving gift tax issues is as difficult as figuring out the infield fly rule, it made sense that we congratulate a fan who returns the baseball rather than hit him with taxes. That is particularly good news to Deni Allen, a 22-year-old marketing representative from Ozark, MO, Mike Davidson, a 28-year-old St. Louis native, and Tim Forneris, a 22-year-old from Collinsville, IL, a member of the St. Louis grounds crew. They all just wanted to give Mark McGwire the baseball and didn't want to be taxed on it. Thanks to the support of this body and the action of the Commissioner, they will not be taxed. I am very pleased with that.

I was also pleased to join many friends and colleagues last night in rooting for the historic home run hit by Mark McGwire. Mark McGwire's achievements are there for all to see on television, or to read about in the sports page, because this is one tremendous athlete. He hit home run ball No. 62 in his 144th game of the season.

The purpose of our resolution is to recognize that historic contribution to baseball. But I also want to just spend a minute on Mark McGwire, the person. I have in my hand a copy of Sports Illustrated, which features a picture of Mark McGwire and his son, Matt McGwire. The article is entitled "One Cool Dad." I think a lot of people who watched Mark McGwire in the year he has been in St. Louis, and probably before that in California, know that he is a dedicated father and he is a community leader. He has shown his willingness to serve his community by his generosity.

This man is a great role model for young people in our country today, and the way he approached this record-setting mark, with due recognition for Roger Maris—also a tremendous athlete, one I greatly respected, who held the record prior to him—reflects extremely well on Mr. McGwire. I hope that I will have many cosponsors who will join in this resolution. I see several colleagues on the floor who want to discuss it, but suffice it to say that Mark McGwire has made a historic contribution to baseball. He has brought the country together. The only thing we are talking about in Missouri is Mark McGwire, not a lot of the other problems. His dedication to leadership and family values, his spirit of community contribution and leadership mark him as an outstanding gentleman who

I trust all of us in this body are willing to recognize.

Mrs. BOXER addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from California is recognized.

Mrs. BOXER. Madam President, I thank the Senator from Missouri for his eloquent remarks, and I thank both Senators for introducing this resolution.

I rise to salute a native son of California, a man who grew up in the playing fields of southern California, a graduate of California public schools and honed his skills at the University of Southern California and developed into a mature professional in Oakland, CA, where I saw him play many a game; a man who has since settled in Missouri, but will always remain a favorite son of California; a man who brought immense talent, hard work, energy, enthusiasm and, above all, dignity and grace to one of America's most revered institutions.

I grew up, when I was a kid, six blocks from a Major League ballpark. I heard the sound of those home runs all through the years I was growing up. I went to many a game and sat in the bleachers. I am a baseball fan. Yet, I haven't seen such excitement in so many years that we have seen in the last month or so.

This man has really helped reinvigorate the game of baseball, further enshrining it as our national pastime. He has thrilled countless lifelong fans of baseball, and he has made millions of new fans who knew very little about the game. This is a man who has put us in touch with baseball heroes of the past, and he has inspired baseball heroes of the future—a giant of a man, playing a game that we learned to love as children, and who has made us all feel like little kids again at a time when we need that every once in a while. Of course, I speak of Mark McGwire.

I think it is also important to recognize the Cubs' Sammy Sosa. Both of these men have pursued Babe Ruth's and Roger Maris' home run records, and they did it under intense pressure, but with grace and joy, rooting for each other, appreciating their fan support, and infecting us all with good humor, poise and good sportsmanship.

Today is a day of heroes—one particular hero, Mark McGwire. I wanted to say on behalf of all of California—and I know Senator FEINSTEIN joins me in this—that we are very proud of Mark McGwire.

In closing, I want to say that it is hard to join a nexus between one thing and another here. But I have two heroes here today on the floor of the Senate—RUSS FEINGOLD and JOHN MCCAIN—because I am really proud of the way they have pursued their goal, a goal that I think will make this democracy stronger, a goal of good, solid campaign finance reform.

On the one hand, we laud the baseball heroes. I wanted to laud a couple of Senate heroes of mine on campaign finance reform.

Let me again thank the Senators from Missouri for giving us a chance to get to see this praise in writing in the RECORD for all time.

Thank you. I yield the floor.

Mr. ASHCROFT addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Missouri is recognized.

Mr. ASHCROFT. Madam President, let me extend my appreciation to the senior Senator from the State of Missouri, Senator BOND, for having presenting this important resolution; and my thanks as well to the Senator from California, Senator BOXER.

I was elated when I saw what we had all anticipated for so long—that Mark McGwire would learn uniquely how to pay the price for greatness, would achieve something that some had said could never happen. We watched and I watched in anticipation as I believe it was in the fourth inning last evening when the first pitch was, incidentally, not what I would call a home run pitch. It looked to me like it was a borderline strike zone, low and away, and Mark reached out and, on the low and away pitch, pulled the ball like a rifleshot over the wall in Busch Stadium in St. Louis.

I stand today to commend him for his outstanding baseball. To see him and Sammy Sosa embrace and salute each other in a friendly kind of competition that brings out the very best is a story about what America really needs and ought to be—how we don't have to be, because we are opponents, enemies. Those two are opponents in most every way and in every sense of the word. But, my goodness, they are not enemies. They elevate each other's performance, and they bring out the best in each other. What a tremendous thing.

Of course, I was so happy to see this happen in St. Louis, MO, a city whose baseball heritage is—well, frankly, it is just unparalleled; a city with baseball fans who understand the game, who know what it means to take a pitch, to hit behind the runner, to make the sacrifice. They know baseball. They know character. They saluted Mark McGwire last night, and properly so.

I was very thrilled to see the Missouri fans be consistent in wanting to share the achievement with Mark McGwire, but not necessarily to take it from him, and the willingness of Missouri fans over and over again to give the baseballs back—to make them part of Mark's heritage and history, to make them part of the national treasure. It is kind of an inspiration at a time when some would lead us to believe that America is nothing but a place of greed.

Too often, sports heroes themselves have participated in the idea that the memorabilia is so valuable that it is only to be sold. I think of these fans who would sort of teach some of our sports heroes lessons that the memorabilia is so valuable that it is not to be sold but it is to be shared. I salute those in St. Louis who decided that

this part of American history was too valuable to be sold but it was so valuable that it ought to be shared.

Let me make a few remarks about Mark.

In the pictures—and I just hope the rest of America sees these pictures, if they haven't seen them—in the pictures we see a picture of what we need to be, how we need to think, and how we need to act. Perspective and balance are perhaps the most important characteristics of life. Knowing where you stand at the magic of the moment is certainly a valuable thing. Understanding where you stand in the perspective of history is a valuable thing. Having a respect for the future is a valuable thing. In just one tight little moment there on national television, as Mark McGwire finished rounding the bases, he showed us that he was a person who not only understood the magic of the moment—driving the ball over the left field wall and celebrating the incredible exhilaration and joy of that personal achievement, the crowning achievement of years of training, practice, and insistent persistence toward a goal—he understood the magic of the moment, but he also told us that he understood his place in history, because he went to the stands and he embraced the family of Roger Maris. Roger, of course, died tragically young as a result of cancer. But his family was there to understand not only his place in history but to understand that history marches on. Mark McGwire not only understood the moment but he understood his place in history. He embraced history.

America needs again to have a lesson in embracing history, in respecting our past and understanding that it is only from the greatness of our past that we draw inspiration for surpassing events in the future.

What a tremendous thing that picture was of Mark McGwire with those huge arms around the Roger Maris family.

Then, perhaps as inspiring as anything else, there was the fact that when he rounded the bases and was trading high fives, really before he got into the serious commendations of the rest of his teammates, Mark picked up Matt, the future. He understood that, yes, the past is important, and the magic of the moment is to be cherished, but there is also always the future that is ahead of us. He picks up young Matt, and he elevates young Matt to a position above his father. What a tremendous picture that is. If we as Americans would have an understanding of our youngsters that we need to place them ahead of ourselves, place their interests above our interests, invest in the future, if we would, indeed, hold up our youngsters and elevate them to a place of understanding and the opportunities for greatness, what a tremendous lesson that would be.

So I really have a degree of excitement that is difficult to contain about

the tremendous lesson that we can all take out of the joy and exuberance of celebrating the achievements of one whose acts really just stun us and marvel us.

There is just one last point.

There were lots of people—I have been among them—who have said, "Well, Babe Ruth's record and Roger Maris' record"—Babe Ruth, if you wanted to count one game at one game level, and Roger Maris at another—"would never be broken." I am kind of glad that Mark McGwire straightened me out on the breakability of those records, because I believe that maybe as much as anything else, Mark McGwire tells us that the best is yet to come, that every record in the book is one we should look to break, that America is not a place whose primary and monumental achievements are all behind us, but America is a place where the best is yet to come.

Last night, Mark McGwire set a new record of 62 home runs. He might set another record the next time he bats. I am confident that he will set another record before the end of this season over and over and over again.

I think part of the American spirit is such that we should all think about America as a place where the best is yet to come. When we learn to pay the price, maybe when we have the balance and perspective that Mark demonstrated, understanding the magic of the moment, respecting history, and having a full dedication to the fabulous future, maybe that is when we will begin to understand that the best is yet to come and we can be part of it.

To Mark McGwire, to the fans of St. Louis, to Sammy Sosa, who happened to be there when it happened and who, with such class, saluted Mark, I say thanks for an inspiring game, which turns out to be a lesson teacher far bigger than just a game. I am delighted to commend them and thank them for the greatness that they remind us should be a part of all that America is and stands for.

I yield the floor.

Mr. BOND addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Missouri.

Mr. BOND. Madam President, the Senator from North Dakota, Mr. CONRAD, wants to be added as a cosponsor to this resolution and to note that Roger Maris, who was a great hero in St. Louis, was a North Dakotan. We are very proud of the Maris family. We extend our very best wishes to Sammy Sosa, and we hope he gets into the sixties.

If there are other Senators asking to add their names to the resolution, I would be happy to do that.

May I add the Presiding Officer, the Senator from Maine, Ms. COLLINS, the Senator from Utah, Senator BENNETT, and I believe the Senator from Connecticut, as cosponsors.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LIEBERMAN. Madam President, I came to the floor to speak about campaign finance reform, and I will do that

in a moment, but I thank my colleague from Missouri for adding me as a cosponsor of the resolution. As is obvious to my colleagues, I am neither from Missouri nor California, so my claim to being added is my status as a baseball fan. And even though my colleagues may think I am reaching, the fact is that when Roger Maris set the record I was in college together with the junior Senator from Missouri. So it gives me some standing.

I do want to identify myself with his comments just to stress the obvious personal achievement here that has inspired the country, and also the way in which Mark McGwire did it. It was an act of fate, but somehow so correct, that he tied the record at the 61st homer on the day of his father's 61st birthday, because baseball, in my experience in this country, is very much a matter of one generation passing on to the experience to another.

My own memories of baseball, first memories, come from my dad taking me to games, and they are cherished memories. I can tell my colleagues—I hope I am not violating her privacy—when my youngest child was 4 days old, in March, I held her up to a TV set and said, "Sweetheart, this is baseball, and you're going to love it." Fortunately, for me, she has, and we have shared that experience. As Senator ASHCROFT indicated, Mark McGwire beautifully continued that with his son there as a batboy.

The second is the obvious rapport between Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa, as they compete for this but do it with extraordinary mutual respect. To make the point that is obvious but maybe still worth making, here we have one person whose family has been in this country a long time, from a family of relative success and comfort, another a new American born in poverty in another country, coming here, joined together in this remarkable American game to I think this year break records that were previously thought to be impossible.

And a final word about Roger Maris, who did set the record in the younger days of both my life and Senator ASHCROFT's life. I felt that Mark McGwire probably brought the whole country to give more tribute to Roger Maris than he ever had before, and we owed it to him. So I am proud to be added as a cosponsor.

Did the Senator from Missouri wish to add anything before I proceed to the topic of campaign finance reform?

Mr. BOND addressed the Chair.

Mr. LIEBERMAN. If so, I yield the floor.

Mr. BOND. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 273) with its preamble reads as follows:

S. RES. 273

Whereas, since becoming a St. Louis Cardinal in 1997, Mark McGwire has helped to bring the national pastime of baseball back to its original glory;

Whereas, Mark McGwire has shown leadership, family values, dedication and a love of baseball as a team sport;

Whereas, in April, Mark McGwire began the season with a home run in each of his first four games which tied Willie Mays' 1971 National League record;

Whereas, in May, Mark McGwire hit a 545-foot home run, the longest in Busch Stadium history;

Whereas, in June, Mark McGwire tied Reggie Jackson's record of thirty-seven home runs before the All Star break;

Whereas, in August, Mark McGwire became the only player in the history of baseball to hit fifty home runs in three consecutive seasons;

Whereas, on September 5, Mark McGwire became the third player ever to hit sixty home runs in a season; and

Whereas, on September 8, 1998, Mark McGwire broke Roger Maris' thirty-seven year old home run record of sixty-one by hitting number sixty-two off Steve Trachsel while playing the Chicago Cubs: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate recognizes and congratulates St. Louis Cardinal, Mark McGwire, for setting baseballs' revered home run record, with sixty-two, in his 144th game of the season.

Mr. BOND. I thank the Chair, and I thank all of my colleagues for their courtesy in allowing me to proceed.

Mr. LIEBERMAN addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Connecticut is recognized.

Mr. LIEBERMAN. Madam President, if I may continue the stretch to link the two subject matters, baseball and campaign finance reform, may I say that unlike the Brooklyn Dodgers of old, those of us who support McCain-Feingold are not willing to wait until next year, and since McGwire and Sosa are setting the standard for doing what we thought was impossible, we hope they are an eye-opener for those who think adopting campaign finance reform is impossible for this Chamber this year.

I make the comparison without wanting to set it too closely, but wouldn't it be great when this is over if we could refer to McCain-Feingold as the legislative equivalent of McGwire and Sosa?

I will cease and desist and proceed with my remarks.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1999

The Senate continued with the consideration of the bill.

AMENDMENT NO. 3554

Mr. LIEBERMAN. I rise to speak on behalf of McCain-Feingold, the amendment offered, to thank my two colleagues for the extraordinary, principled, persistent, and practical leader-

ship that they have given this critical effort, and to urge my colleagues to support the cloture motion that comes up tomorrow.

Madam President, we have a cherished principle in this country that every person gets one and only one vote, that a citizen's influence on our government's decisions rests on the power of his or her ideas, not the size of his or her pocketbook. The campaign finance system we have on the books protects this privilege. May I repeat, the campaign finance system we have on our law books protects this principle. It imposes strict limits on the amounts individuals can contribute to parties and to campaigns. The law prohibits unions and corporations from making most contributions or expenditures in connection with elections to Federal office, and it requires disclosure of money spent in advocating the election or defeat of candidates for Federal office.

That is what the campaign laws as they are on the books today require. But as we learned sadly during the 1996 campaigns and the various investigations that have followed, those laws appear to be written in invisible ink, which is to say that they have been honored, if one can use the term satirically, only in the breach. They have largely been evaded.

It has been several months since the Governmental Affairs Committee's investigation into the 1996 campaigns ended, but none of us who were part of that investigation will forget, nor I hope will others forget, what we learned there or our feeling of outrage and embarrassment upon learning it. We learned not only of hustlers like Johnny Chung, who saw the White House like a subway—put some money in and the gates will open, he said—or of opportunists like Roger Tamraz, who used big dollar donations to gain access that was originally denied to him by policymakers at the same time he declined even to register to vote because he saw the vote which generations of Americans have fought and died to protect as a meaningless exercise, a process which would gain him no real power, particularly not when compared to the power that \$300,000 would give him.

We also learned in the Governmental Affairs hearings last year of something that was in its way even more disturbing because it was more pervasive and had a far greater effect on our elections and on our government. We learned that we no longer have a campaign finance system, that the loopholes have become so large and so many that they have taken over the entirety of the law, leaving us with little more than a free-for-all money chase in its place. We learned last year that it was somehow possible, for example, for wealthy donors to give hundreds of thousands of dollars to finance campaigns, even though the law was clearly intended to limit their contributions to a tiny fraction of those sums. That is what the