

107TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. CON. RES. 504

Congratulating the PONY League baseball team of Norwalk, California, for winning the 2002 PONY League World Championship.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 8, 2002

Mrs. NAPOLITANO submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Congratulating the PONY League baseball team of Norwalk, California, for winning the 2002 PONY League World Championship.

Whereas the Protecting Our Nation's Youth (PONY) Organization sponsors various baseball and softball leagues for young people throughout the world, including the PONY League for 13- and 14-year-olds;

Whereas the PONY League baseball team of Norwalk, California, won the 2002 PONY League World Championship held in Washington, Pennsylvania, on August 24, 2002;

Whereas, in order to win the World Championship Title, the Norwalk team defeated the PONY League baseball team of Washington, Pennsylvania, by a score of 11 to 7, the PONY League baseball team of Hagerstown, Maryland,

by a score of 11 to 0, the PONY League baseball team of Port Neches, Texas, by a score of 11 to 4, and, finally, the PONY League baseball team of Levittown, Puerto Rico, by a score of 10 to 0;

Whereas the Norwalk team is the third team from California during the last 6 years to win the PONY League World Championship;

Whereas the Norwalk team's success would not have been possible without the support of the players' parents; volunteer manager, Ruben Velazquez; and volunteer coaches, George Sanchez and Tony Riveras;

Whereas each of the athletes on the Norwalk team—Art Gonzalez, Jimmy Buentello, Frankie Lucero, Johnny Perez, Gabriel Schwulst, Danny Dutch, Miguel Flores, Jesus Cabral, Tony Zarco, Jamil Acosta, Eddie Murray, George Sanchez, Richard Melendrez, Anthony Topete, and Victor Sanchez—devoted a great deal of time and effort to the practices that led to the World Championship victory; and

Whereas the PONY League provides young people throughout the world an opportunity to enjoy the competitive sport of baseball, build character, and learn important skills such as teamwork: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That Congress—

3 (1) congratulates the PONY League baseball
4 team of Norwalk, California, for winning the 2002
5 PONY League World Championship;

6 (2) recognizes the parents of the team's players
7 and the team's volunteer manager and coaches for

1 providing the support which made the team's victory
2 possible; and

3 (3) recognizes the Protecting Our Nation's
4 Youth (PONY) Organization for providing safe rec-
5 reational opportunities for young people and an op-
6 portunity for young athletes to become positive role
7 models for other youth.

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