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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

October 10, 1989

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
TO  
U.S. AND WORLD LITTLE LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

The Rose Garden

1:34 P.M. EDT

MR. PRESIDENT: Welcome to the White House. First, to our distinguished members of Congress here; Congressman Shays and Congressman Kennelly, Rowland, Morrison. Thank you all for coming. And to Mrs. Vance and Dr. Hale and Mr. Talbott, Mr. DelVecchio, Coach Galla and whoever is left out there -- (laughter) -- Little League players and fellow fans. And a special hello to our new Executive Director of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, my old friend, Wilmer "Vinegar Bend" Mizell -- former great pitcher in the major leagues. Stand up now, Vinegar, so they can see you. (Applause.) Welcome. And it's a pleasure to welcome all of you here to the Rose Garden.

The World Series starts this week and, thus, it's fitting that this world champion baseball team is here with us today. That team, of course, is Trumbull, Connecticut -- the 1989 Little League World Champions, whose amazing triumph propelled these kids, head-first, into the sports heart of America.

You know, Casey Stengel once asked of the early 1960s Mets, "Can anybody here play this game?" (Laughter.) Well, sadly for his then helpless, hapless team, almost no one could. Vinegar Bend, naturally, was a notable exception.

But well, in 1989, Trumbull emphatically could -- and did -- play this game. And in this special year for the Little League, the 50th anniversary of the world's largest organized youth sports program, your special team brought the title back -- right back to where the Little League began. And it was special because of self-discipline and hard work, helping Trumbull become the first U.S. team in six years -- six years -- to win the Little League World Series. And its feeling of sportsmanship; kids scrapping and competing and then shaking hands after the final out.

This Trumbull team was special because it kept its eye on the ball -- sort of like when one of my kids -- grandkids -- George told me once to be a baseball player when he grows up. I asked him why? And he said, "Because politicians don't get their pictures on bubble gum cards." (Laughter.)

Most of all, Trumbull was -- is special because of a feeling of family; fathers and daughters, mother and sons; kids of all ages banding together, evidenced by more than 15,000 people jamming the streets of Trumbull to welcome this gang back home. And they were there, yes, to cheer your triumph; but also your learning the lessons of Little League.

Lessons like friendship and generosity; like, "Do unto others," and doing your best. Lessons which go beyond balls and strikes and which have made Little League a global institution. This year, more than 2.5 million players in 33 nations played Little League baseball. And they know those lessons, and so do their 750,000 adult volunteers. And so, if I might add, do past Little

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Leaguers. On a personal note, all four of the Bush kids played it. I coached it. And Barbara -- well, back then there were tens of thousands of Texas kids in Little League, and as I've often said, she'd keep score, but there were times when I thought she was car-pooling each and every one of them. (Laughter.)

So I think we can sense -- our family can sense your pride and the pride -- hope you can sense the pride we feel in you. Chris Drury, for instance, beating Taiwan to win the championship game. Which is Chris? There he is, modestly in the back row there. (Applause.)

Or Dan McGrath, squeezing that final out as 40,000 people roared in disbelief, as did the entire nation. And where are you, Dan? There he is. Okay. (Applause.)

Andy Paul. Where is Andy? Right there. Big guy. I called Cape Canaveral about this guy. (Laughter.) About the homer he hit against Davenport, Iowa. And they tell me it's somewhere in orbit between Williamsport and Harrisburg. (Laughter.)

Or Dave Galla, Ken Martin, Cody Lee, Jason Hairston -- I wish I had time to mention all 15 players. And don't worry, I'm not forgetting Assistant Coaches Bob Zullo and Ed Wheeler, or the man who led the way. I've heard some people say that Frank Robinson and Roger Craig should be named managers of the year. Well, there should be a recount if Tom Galla is not right up there in contention.

What memories you have given us and what memories you'll cherish of great heart and great plays, or that crowd cheering, "USA, USA" there at Williamsport and of the spirit which says that nothing is impossible, in Little League or in the bigger fields of life.

You know, we lost a man recently who embodied that spirit -- the former President of Yale and then Commissioner of Baseball. He lived a few miles from where you do. He was a great friend of many of ours -- certainly a friend of mine. Bart Giamatti -- poet and scholar, gentle and sensitive. And his life was a metaphor for honesty, and he ennobled public service. He knew and loved the fact that this marks the fiftieth anniversary of Little League.

But it's also another fiftieth anniversary, and I'd like to close by noting it as Bart himself did earlier this summer. It concerns, if you will, a hero of mine, and also they come to know his story -- I hope -- of you Trumbull kids as well. His name was Lou Gehrig. He was a Hall of Fame first baseman in the '20s and '30s. But more than that, he was a good and decent man about whom a teammate said, "Every day, any day, he just went out and did his job."

Fifty years ago, Lou Gehrig was stricken by a form of paralysis which now bears his name. And the disease ended Lou's record consecutive games played streak and caused his retirement from baseball. And even so, he told that July 4th, 1939 crowd at Yankee Stadium, "I consider myself the luckiest man on the face of the Earth."

That story has become an American parable. What an example for these kids. And how right that we recall it on the 50th anniversary of his unforgettable farewell. Less known is what Lou Gehrig did after he left the Yankees. Dying, weaker day by day, he could barely move his body, yet he loved and wanted to counsel the kids -- the children. And so he spent much of the last two years of his life as parole commissioner for the city of New York. And they called him "The Iron Horse," the "Pride of the Yankees," and certainly I think we would all agree, he was a hero.

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And now let me conclude with a presentation. Earlier this summer, the United States Post Office issued a special 50th anniversary stamp to honor Lou Gehrig for his decency, integrity and bravery -- qualities that, as Bart Giamatti showed, are as timeless as today. This inscribed picture of Lou that we have here somewhere -- (laughter) -- commemorates that stamp and I'd like to give it to Howard Talbott, Director of the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, also marking its golden anniversary. (Applause.)

Howard, let me just say that I hope this picture will inspire the kids of every age and show how, by building courage, character, baseball Little League can belt the grand-slam home run. Tom Galla, as Trumbull coach, please help me in presenting it. And to all of you, thank you so much for coming to the White House to salute this team and to honor a legend. (Applause.)

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1:43 P.M. EDT

REMARKS: LITTLE LEAGUE CHAMPIONS  
ROSE GARDEN  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1989  
1:30 P.M.

CONGRESSMEN SHAYS, ROWLAND AND MORRISON, MRS. VANCE, DR. HALE, MR. TALBOT, MR. DELVECCHIO, COACH GALLA, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, LITTLE LEAGUE PLAYERS AND STAFF, FELLOW FANS. AND A SPECIAL HELLO TO THE NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL ON PHYSICAL FITNESS AND SPORTS.

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WILMER "VINEGAR BEND" MIZELL, A FORMER GREAT PITCHER IN THE MAJOR LEAGUES.

IT IS A PLEASURE FOR ME TO WELCOME ALL OF YOU TO THE WHITE HOUSE. THE WORLD SERIES STARTS THIS WEEK. IT IS FITTING THEN THAT THIS WORLD CHAMPION BASEBALL TEAM IS HERE WITH US TODAY.

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THAT TEAM, OF COURSE, IS TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT. THE 1989 LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD CHAMPIONS. WHOSE AMAZING TRIUMPH PROPELLED THESE KIDS, HEAD-FIRST, INTO THE SPORTS HEART OF AMERICA.

YOU KNOW, CASEY STENGEL ONCE ASKED OF THE EARLY-1960s NEW YORK METS, "CAN'T ANYBODY HERE PLAY THIS GAME?" // SADLY FOR HIS THEN-HAPLESS TEAM, ALMOST NO ONE COULD. // VINEGAR BEND, NATURALLY, WAS A NOTABLE EXCEPTION.

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WELL, IN 1989 TRUMBULL EMPHATICALLY COULD, AND DID, PLAY THIS GAME. AND IN THIS SPECIAL YEAR FOR LITTLE LEAGUE -- THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST ORGANIZED YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM -- YOUR SPECIAL TEAM BROUGHT THE TITLE BACK TO WHERE LITTLE LEAGUE BEGAN.

IT WAS SPECIAL BECAUSE OF SELF-DISCIPLINE AND HARD WORK -- HELPING TRUMBULL BECOME THE FIRST U.S. TEAM IN SIX YEARS TO WIN THE LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES.

AND ITS FEELING OF SPORTSMANSHIP -- KIDS SCRAPPING AND COMPETING, THEN SHAKING HANDS AFTER THE FINAL OUT.

THIS TRUMBULL TEAM WAS SPECIAL BECAUSE IT KEPT ITS EYE ON THE BALL. // SORT OF LIKE WHEN ONE OF MY GRANDKIDS TOLD ME HE WANTS TO BE A BASEBALL PLAYER WHEN HE GROWS UP. I ASKED HIM WHY. HE SAID, "BECAUSE POLITICIANS DON'T GET THEIR PICTURES ON BUBBLE-GUM CARDS." //

BUT MOST OF ALL, TRUMBULL WAS -- IS -- SPECIAL BECAUSE OF A FEELING OF FAMILY -- FATHERS AND DAUGHTERS, MOTHERS AND SONS. KIDS OF ALL AGES, BANDING TOGETHER EVIDENCED BY THE MORE THAN 15,000 PEOPLE JAMMING THE STREETS OF TRUMBULL TO WELCOME THE NEW WORLD CHAMPIONS BACK HOME.

THEY WERE THERE, YES, TO CHEER YOUR TRIUMPH. BUT ALSO YOUR LEARNING THE LESSONS OF LITTLE LEAGUE.

LESSONS LIKE FRIENDSHIP AND GENEROSITY. LIKE "DO UNTO OTHERS" AND DOING YOUR BEST. LESSONS WHICH GO BEYOND BALLS AND STRIKES. AND WHICH HAVE MADE LITTLE LEAGUE A GLOBAL INSTITUTION.

THIS YEAR MORE THAN TWO AND HALF MILLION PLAYERS IN 33 NATIONS PLAYED LITTLE LEAGUE BALL -- THEY KNOW THOSE LESSONS. SO DO THEIR 750,000 ADULT VOLUNTEERS. AND SO, IF I MIGHT ADD, DO PAST LITTLE LEAGUERS. ON A PERSONAL NOTE, MY FOUR BOYS PLAYED IT.

I COACHED IT. AND BARBARA? BACK THEN THERE WERE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF TEXAS KIDS IN LITTLE LEAGUE. AND AS I'VE OFTEN SAID: THERE WERE TIMES WHEN I THOUGHT BARBARA BUSH WAS CAR-POOLING THEM ALL. //

SO I KNOW YOUR PRIDE. AND THE PRIDE WE TAKE IN YOU. A CHRIS DRURY, FOR INSTANCE, BEATING TAIWAN TO WIN THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME. OR DAN McGRATH, SQUEEZING THAT FINAL OUT AS 40,000 PEOPLE ROARED IN DISBELIEF. AS DID THE ENTIRE NATION.

THEN, THERE'S ANDY PAUL. ANDY, I CALLED CAPE CANAVERAL THIS MORNING ABOUT YOUR HOMER AGAINST DAVENPORT, IOWA. // THEY TELL ME IT'S SOMEWHERE IN ORBIT BETWEEN WILLIAMSPORT AND HARRISBURG. // OR DAVE GALLA, KEN MARTIN, CODY LEE, AND JASON HAIRSTON. // I WISH I HAD TIME TO MENTION ALL 15 PLAYERS.

AND DON'T WORRY. I'M NOT FORGETTING ASSISTANT COACHES BOB ZULLO AND ED WHEELER. OR THE MAN WHO LED THE WAY.

I'VE HEARD SOME PEOPLE SAY FRANK ROBINSON AND ROGER CRAIG SHOULD BE NAMED MANAGERS OF THE YEAR. WELL, THERE SHOULD BE A RECOUNT IF TOM GALLA'S NOT RIGHT UP THERE IN CONTENTION.

WHAT MEMORIES YOU'VE GIVEN US. AND WHAT MEMORIES YOU'LL CHERISH. OF GREAT HEART, AND GREAT PLAYS. OR THAT CROWD CHEERING, "U.S.A., U.S.A." AT WILLIAMSPORT.

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AND OF THE SPIRIT WHICH SAYS THAT NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE. IN LITTLE LEAGUE. OR IN THE BIGGER FIELDS OF LIFE.

YOU KNOW, WE LOST A MAN RECENTLY WHO EMBODIED THAT SPIRIT. HE WAS THE FORMER PRESIDENT OF YALE, AND THE COMMISSIONER OF BASEBALL. HE LIVED JUST A FEW MILES FROM WHERE YOU DO, AND HE WAS MY FRIEND. BART GIAMATTI WAS A POET AND SCHOLAR. HE WAS GENTLE AND SENSITIVE.

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HIS LIFE WAS A METAPHOR FOR HONESTY. HE ENNOBLED PUBLIC SERVICE.

BART GIAMATTI KNEW, AND LOVED, THE FACT THAT THIS MARKS THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF LITTLE LEAGUE. BUT IT'S ALSO ANOTHER 50TH ANNIVERSARY. AND I'D LIKE TO CLOSE BY NOTING IT -- AS BART DID EARLIER THIS SUMMER. IT CONCERNS, IF YOU WILL, A HERO OF MINE. AND ALSO, AS THEY COME TO KNOW HIS STORY, I HOPE OF TRUMBULL'S KIDS AS WELL.

HIS NAME WAS LOU GEHRIG. HE WAS A HALL OF FAME FIRST BASEMAN IN THE 1920S AND '30S. BUT MORE THAN THAT, HE WAS A GOOD AND DECENT MAN ABOUT WHOM A TEAMMATE SAID, 'EVERY DAY, ANY DAY, HE JUST WENT OUT AND DID HIS JOB.' FIFTY YEARS AGO, LOU GEHRIG WAS STRICKEN BY A FORM OF PARALYSIS WHICH NOW BEARS HIS NAME. THE DISEASE ENDED LOU'S RECORD CONSECUTIVE GAMES PLAYED STREAK, AND CAUSED HIS RETIREMENT FROM BASEBALL.

EVEN SO, HE TOLD THE JULY 4TH, 1939, CROWD AT YANKEE STADIUM, "I CONSIDER MYSELF THE LUCKIEST MAN ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH."

THIS STORY HAS BECOME AN AMERICAN PARABLE -- WHAT AN EXAMPLE FOR THESE KIDS. AND HOW RIGHT THAT WE RECALL IT ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS UNFORGETTABLE FAREWELL.

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BUT LESS KNOWN IS WHAT LOU GEHRIG DID AFTER HE LEFT THE YANKEES. DYING, WEAKER BY THE DAY, HE COULD BARELY MOVE HIS BODY. YET HE LOVED AND WANTED TO COUNSEL CHILDREN. AND SO HE SPENT MUCH OF THE LAST TWO YEARS OF HIS LIFE AS A PAROLE COMMISSIONER FOR THE CITY OF NEW YORK. THEY CALLED HIM THE IRON HORSE, THE PRIDE OF THE YANKEES. YES, LOU GEHRIG WAS A HERO.

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LOU GEHRIG SHOWED -- LIKE LITTLE LEAGUE -- THAT WHAT MATTERS IS HOW WE CONDUCT OURSELVES OFF AS WELL AS ON THE FIELD. YOU KIDS HERE ARE PROOF OF THAT. SO LET ME AGAIN CONGRATULATE TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT. YOU TRULY ARE NUMBER ONE.

AND NOW, LET ME CONCLUDE WITH A PRESENTATION.

EARLIER THIS SUMMER, THE U.S. POST OFFICE ISSUED A SPECIAL 50TH ANNIVERSARY STAMP TO HONOR LOU GEHRIG.

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FOR HIS DECENCY, INTEGRITY, AND BRAVERY -- QUALITIES THAT, AS BART GIAMATTI SHOWED, ARE AS TIMELESS AS TODAY. THIS INSCRIBED PICTURE OF LOU COMMEMORATES THAT STAMP. AND I'D LIKE TO GIVE IT TO HOWARD TALBOT, DIRECTOR OF THE HALL OF FAME IN COOPERSTOWN -- ALSO MARKING ITS GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY.

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HOWARD, I HOPE THIS PICTURE WILL INSPIRE KIDS OF EVERY AGE. AND SHOW HOW BY BUILDING COURAGE AND CHARACTER, BASEBALL -- AND LITTLE LEAGUE -- CAN BELT A GRAND-SLAM HOME RUN.

TOM GALLA, AS TRUMBULL COACH, WILL YOU HELP PRESENT THIS PICTURE? AND TO ALL OF YOU, THANK YOU FOR COMING TO THE WHITE HOUSE, GOD BLESS YOU, AND GOD BLESS AMERICA.

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# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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ROSE GARDEN

SUBJECT: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1989

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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

James W. Cicconi  
Assistant to the President  
and Deputy to the Chief of Staff  
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

October 6, 1989

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH:           CHRISS WINSTON *W*  
FROM:               CURT SMITH *CS*  
SUBJECT:            REMARKS FOR THE WORLD LITTLE LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

I.    SUMMARY

On Tuesday, October 10 at 1:30 p.m. in the Rose Garden you will address the Trumbull, Connecticut, Nationals, winners of the World Little League Championship.

II.   DISCUSSION

The remarks hail the team's win and notes the lifelong lessons learned from baseball -- lessons of family, sportsmanship, and friendship. The remarks also commemorate the legacy of Lou Gehrig. You will present the U.S. Postal Service Poster of Lou Gehrig to the Director of the Baseball Hall of Fame, Howard Talbot.

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**REMARKS:**  
 Please forward any comments directly to Chriss Winston, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than NOON, Friday, October 6, with a copy to my office. Thank you.

**RESPONSE:**

James W. Cicconi  
 Assistant to the President  
 and Deputy to the Chief of Staff  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *W*

FROM: CURT SMITH *CS*

SUBJECT: REMARKS FOR THE WORLD LITTLE LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

I. SUMMARY

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II. DISCUSSION

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: LITTLE LEAGUE CHAMPIONS  
ROSE GARDEN  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1989  
1:30 P.M.

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Little League Champions

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cc: James W. Cicconi

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ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Little League Champions

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