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period of time for which a person must have been away from here, I think 50 is unreasonable. Thirty-five, in my view, is excessive, but it was not my view that I should come in with a bill to reduce the number of years that a person had to have been dead before consideration. Now, in my case, they ought to be allowed to start consideration before I croak, and maybe 100 years after I croak enough momentum will have been built up just by virtue of the amount of discussion. People won't know anything about me, but they say, for so many people have talked about him so long, that is a basis to be in the Hall of Fame. But this is not for myself. Brothers and sisters, in the community where I live, I'm not talking about the city of Omaha now, the neighborhood where I live, there was a very small park. You could call it a micromini park, it is so small. If Serena Williams hit a tennis ball twice--hit it once, then went where that ball fell and hit it again--it would land on my front porch. That's how close I live to this little park. If Barry Bonds got a good cut at a ball, he would knock it over the house where I live if he hit it from that park. If the big bad wolf huffed and puffed and huffed and puffed and was in that park, he could blow down the house where I live. That's how close it is. The white people on the city council and one misguided Negro who is trying to be white, named Franklin Thompson, voted against what the community group wanted to do. There is a procedure in Omaha where they have neighborhood groups, and these groups are accorded the right, the privilege, the authority to name these and other items in their community. That group went through all of the process. They crossed every "t", they dotted every "i." They obtained the approval of the Parks Commission, which looks...which oversees this kind of activity. They got the agreement of the mayor and, most of all, the agreement of the community members where we live. But white people were in a position to say no, so they insulted the neighborhood group. After all of the talk about democracy, the value of these neighborhood associations, because they can play a role in the activities of the city as those activities will impact on their community, then the city council majority will tell them no. The city council chose, in their arrogance, to name it contrary to the wishes of the neighborhood group, so they approached the mayor and asked him to veto that because it was an insult to the neighborhood group and another attempt by the city council to