

106TH CONGRESS
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S. RES. 77

Commending and congratulating the University of Connecticut Huskies for winning the 1999 NCAA Men's Basketball Championship.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 14, 1999

Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the University of Connecticut men's basketball team capped a remarkable season by defeating the top-ranked Duke Blue Devils 77–74, on March 29, 1999, in St. Petersburg, Florida, to win its 1st national championship in its 1st “Final Four” appearance;

Whereas the Huskies finished with a regular season record of 34–2, the best in the program's proud 96 years of competition;

Whereas the Huskies firmly established themselves as the dominant team of the decade in the storied Big East Conference, winning their 6th regular season title and their 4th tournament championship of the 1990s;

Whereas UConn's Richard "Rip" Hamilton distinguished himself in the championship game and throughout the season as one of the premier players in all of college basketball, winning his 2d Big East Player of the Year award, earning 1st team All-America honors, and closing out a spectacular offensive performance in the NCAA tournament by being named the most valuable player of the Final Four.

Whereas UConn's senior co-captain Ricky Moore distinguished himself as one of the Nation's top defensive players, personifying the grit, determination, and fierce will to win that carried the Huskies throughout the year;

Whereas UConn coach Jim Calhoun instilled in his players an unceasing ethic of dedication, sacrifice, and teamwork in the pursuit of excellence, and instilled in the rest of us a renewed appreciation of what it means to win with dignity, integrity, and true sportsmanship;

Whereas the Huskies' thrilling victory in the NCAA championship game enraptured their loyal and loving fans from Storrs to Stamford, taking "Huskymania" to new heights and filling the State with an overwhelming sense of pride, honor, and community; and

Whereas the UConn basketball team's national championship spotlighted one of the Nation's premier State universities, that is committed to academic as well as athletic excellence: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Senate commends and congratu-
- 2 lates the Huskies of the University of Connecticut for win-
- 3 ning the 1999 NCAA Men's Basketball Championship.

1 SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit
2 a copy of this resolution to the president of the University
3 of Connecticut.

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