

H. Res. 17

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

January 8, 2003.

Whereas the Western Kentucky University Hilltoppers from Bowling Green, Kentucky, won the 2002 NCAA Division I-AA collegiate football national championship;

Whereas the national championship is the first for the Western Kentucky University football program since its inception in 1913;

Whereas the Hilltoppers had an impressive overall record of 12 wins and 3 losses during the 2002 season, which included 10 consecutive wins;

Whereas the Hilltoppers showed tremendous dedication to each other, appreciation to their fans, sportsmanship to their opponents, and respect for the game of football throughout their 2002 season;

Whereas Western Kentucky University was represented with integrity and principled leadership under the direction of Head Football Coach Jack Harbaugh, Athletic Director Dr. Wood Selig, and President Dr. Gary A. Ransdell; and

Whereas on December 20, 2002, the Western Kentucky University Hilltoppers, ranked 15th among Division I-AA teams, defeated the top-ranked McNeese State University Cowboys for the 2002 NCAA Division I-AA football

championship in Chattanooga, Tennessee, by a score of 34–14: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives honors the Western Kentucky University football team from Bowling Green, Kentucky, for winning the 2002 NCAA Division I-AA football championship.

Attest:

Clerk.