

H. Res. 497

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

February 4, 2004.

Whereas on November 23, 2003, the Wake Forest University Demon Deacons field hockey team won the 2003 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Field Hockey Championship, the second consecutive National Championship for the Wake Forest University field hockey team;

Whereas the Demon Deacons defeated the Duke University Blue Devils by a score of 3 to 1 in the 2003 Championship match in Amherst, Massachusetts;

Whereas the Demon Deacons defeated the Pennsylvania State University Nittany Lions by a score of 2 to 0 in the 2002 NCAA Championship match in Louisville, Kentucky;

Whereas the Demon Deacons are only the third team in NCAA Division I Field Hockey history to win back-to-back National Championships;

Whereas the Demon Deacons began and ended the year as the number one ranked college field hockey team in the Nation;

Whereas the Demon Deacons finished the season with a record of 22 wins and 1 loss, outscoring their opponents 96 to 13 and winning 95 percent of their games, achiev-

ing the best record in the Nation and in Wake Forest University history;

Whereas the field hockey team is the only team in the history of Wake Forest University athletics to win the Atlantic Coast Conference regular season and tournament championships and the NCAA Championship in the same year, accomplishing the feat in both the 2001–02 and 2002–03 seasons;

Whereas Wake Forest University field hockey team members Kelly Dostal, Kelly Doton, Katie Ridd, and Lucy Shaw were honored as All-Americans for the 2002–03 season by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association;

Whereas the Wake Forest University field hockey team had more members honored as All-Americans than any other collegiate field hockey team in the Nation;

Whereas Head Coach Jennifer Averill was named the Field Hockey Coach of the Year for 2002 and 2003 by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association;

Whereas the Wake Forest University field hockey team has displayed outstanding dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the season in achieving collegiate field hockey's highest honor; and

Whereas the Demon Deacons have brought pride and honor to the Wake Forest University community and to the State of North Carolina: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) commends the Wake Forest University Demon Deacons field hockey team for winning the 2003 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Field Hockey Championship;

(2) recognizes the achievements of all the field hockey team's players, coaches, and staff and invites them to the United States Capitol to be honored in an appropriate manner;

(3) requests that the President recognize the field hockey team's accomplishments and invite the team to the White House for a ceremony in honor of their National Championship; and

(4) directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make available a copy of this resolution to Wake Forest University for appropriate display.

Attest:

Clerk.