

H. Res. 498

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

February 4, 2004.

Whereas on December 13, 2003, the Grand Valley State University Lakers football team won the 2003 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II Football National Championship by defeating the University of North Dakota Fighting Sioux by a score of 10 to 3;

Whereas the 2003 Championship was the Lakers' second consecutive national title and third straight championship game appearance;

Whereas the Lakers are only the sixth team in NCAA Division II football history to win consecutive national titles;

Whereas the Lakers finished the season with a record of 14 wins and 1 loss;

Whereas the Lakers have compiled a total of 41 wins and 2 losses over the last three years;

Whereas 14 members of the Lakers football team earned All-Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference honors, 8 of whom were selected to the first team;

Whereas Lakers football team members Scott Mackey, Keyonta Marshall, David Hendrix, Michael Tennessee, and Lucius Hawkins were honored as All-Americans for the 2003 season by the Internet website D2Football.com;

Whereas the Lakers set a Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference single-season record for attendance, drawing 52,225 total fans in the 2003 season;

Whereas the Lakers won their 240th game in school history with their victory in the 2003 championship game; and

Whereas the Lakers' display of strength, ability, and perseverance this season has made the State of Michigan proud: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) congratulates the Grand Valley State University Lakers football team for winning the 2003 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II Football National Championship;

(2) recognizes the achievements of the players, coaches, and staff of the Lakers football team and invites them to the United States Capitol to be honored in an appropriate manner;

(3) requests that the President recognize the accomplishments of the Lakers football team 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 transmit a copy of this resolution to Grand Valley State University for appropriate display.

Attest:

Clerk.