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2D SESSION

S. RES. 297

Congratulating the Saint John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota, football team for winning the 2003 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Football Championship.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 9, 2004

Mr. DAYTON (for himself and Mr. COLEMAN) submitted the following resolution, which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the Saint John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota, football team for winning the 2003 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Football Championship.

Whereas Saint John's University defeated Mount Union College of Alliance, Ohio, by a score of 24–6 in Stagg Bowl XXXI on Saturday, December 20, 2003;

Whereas Saint John's University finished the season 14–0, with the football program holding the all-time record for victories in Division III at 508–213–24 in 93 seasons;

Whereas the 2003 Championship is the first National Championship won by the Saint John's University football team since 1976 and the fourth in the history of the school;

Whereas the 2003 Championship capped a season in which Coach John Gagliardi of Saint John's University became the winningest football coach in the history of the National Collegiate Athletic Association;

Whereas Blake Elliott, the senior wide receiver of Saint John's University, was the recipient of the 2003 Gagliardi Trophy as the most outstanding Division III football player in the United States in 2003;

Whereas the Saint John's University Johnnies, by winning the championship game, cracked Mount Union's National Collegiate Athletic Association-record winning streak of 55 games in a row;

Whereas loyal fans of Saint John's University, enough to fill 3 chartered planes, were among the crowd of 5,073 who attended the 2003 Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl in the freezing cold of Salem, Virginia, with many more watching the nationally televised game; and

Whereas all of the players of the Saint John's University team showed tremendous dedication throughout the season to realize the goal of winning the National Championship: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) commends the Saint John's University foot-
3 ball team for winning the 2003 National Collegiate
4 Athletic Association Division III Football Champion-
5 ship;

6 (2) recognizes the achievements of all of the
7 players, coaches, and support staff of the team and

1 invites them to the United States Capitol Building
2 to be honored; and

3 (3) directs the Secretary of the Senate to make
4 available enrolled copies of this resolution to Saint
5 John's University for appropriate display.

