

H. Res. 43

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

January 16, 2007.

Whereas the Boise State University Broncos football team won the 2007 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, defeating the University of Oklahoma Sooners by a score of 43–42 at the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Arizona, on January 1, 2007;

Whereas the Broncos have won the last 5 consecutive Western Athletic Conference football championships;

Whereas the Broncos are the Nation’s top scoring Division 1–A collegiate football team for the last 7 seasons, with an average of over 42 points per game;

Whereas the Broncos are the Nation’s 4th winningest Division 1–A collegiate football team for the last 7 seasons, with a record of 75–13 and winning percentage of over .850.

Whereas the 2007 Fiesta Bowl is widely considered one of the best games in the history of college football;

Whereas the Broncos are the only Division 1–A collegiate football team to complete the 2006–2007 season undefeated;

Whereas Broncos head coach Chris Peterson called some of the most creative and courageous offensive plays in bowl-game history, including the game-saving “hook-and-lat-

eral”, game-extending “tailback pass”, and game-winning “Statue of Liberty”;

Whereas the Broncos are 5–2 in Division 1–A collegiate post-season games;

Whereas Broncos quarterback Jared Zabransky was named the Offensive Most Valuable Player of the Fiesta Bowl;

Whereas Jared Zabransky threw for 3 touchdowns and 262 yards in the Fiesta Bowl and completed his college career with a record of 33–5 as a starting quarterback;

Whereas Broncos defensive back Marty Tadman was named the Defensive Most Valuable Player of the Fiesta Bowl;

Whereas Marty Tadman intercepted 2 Sooner passes, including one returned for a touchdown, and had 5 tackles in the Fiesta Bowl;

Whereas Broncos running back Ian Johnson, one of the Nation’s most exciting running backs, gained 101 rushing yards, scored 1 touchdown, and scored the game-winning 2-point conversion in overtime of the Fiesta Bowl;

Whereas the entire Broncos team should be commended for its determination, work ethic, attitude, and heart;

Whereas the Broncos are deserving of an opportunity to play for the National Championship;

Whereas the Broncos are building an impressive legacy of excellence in its football program; and

Whereas the Broncos have brought great honor to themselves, their university, the city of Boise, and the State of Idaho: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) commends the Boise State University Broncos football team for winning the 2007 Fiesta Bowl; and

(2) congratulates the team for completing an undefeated, 13–0 season.

Attest:

Clerk.