

## **H. Res. 511**

### ***In the House of Representatives, U. S.,***

*July 30, 2007.*

Whereas the men's volleyball team of the University of California, Irvine (UC Irvine), known as the Anteaters, achieved many historic accomplishments during the 2006–2007 season;

Whereas the UC Irvine men's volleyball team won the school's first ever National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Men's Volleyball National Championship;

Whereas Matt Webber, a senior on the UC Irvine men's volleyball team, was selected as the tournament's most valuable player with 22 kills in the championship match;

Whereas UC Irvine men's volleyball players Brian Thornton, Jayson Jablonsky, and David Smith were named to the All-Tournament Team;

Whereas UC Irvine men's volleyball coach John Speraw is only the third coach in history to win a NCAA volleyball championship as both a player and as a head coach;

Whereas the UC Irvine men's volleyball team finished with 29 victories, the most victories in school history;

Whereas the UC Irvine men's volleyball team finished with the most wins in the Nation for the 2006–2007 season;

Whereas the UC Irvine men's volleyball team won the 2007 Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Men's Volleyball title;

Whereas the UC Irvine men's volleyball team had four players selected to the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) All-America Team, the most by any team in the Nation;

Whereas middle blocker David Smith earned first-team accolades on the AVCA All-America Team;

Whereas Matt Webber, Jayson Jablonsky, and Brian Thornton earned second-team accolades on the AVCA All-America Team;

Whereas the UC Irvine men's volleyball team started the season as the preseason favorite in the CSTV/AVCA Division I Men's Coaches Top 15 Poll;

Whereas the UC Irvine men's volleyball team finished first in the CSTV/AVCA Division I Men's Coaches Top 15 Poll, released May 7, 2007;

Whereas the UC Irvine men's volleyball team accomplished these feats while playing a difficult schedule in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation;

Whereas the title is UC Irvine's first Division I title since 1989; and

Whereas UC Irvine, under the leadership of Chancellor Michael V. Drake, M.D., has continued to establish itself as a world-class research university, and as one of the top universities in the Nation: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

(1) congratulates the men's volleyball team of the University of California, Irvine, and its Chancellor, Mi-

chael V. Drake, M.D., for winning the 2007 NCAA Division I Men's Volleyball National Championship; and

(2) recognizes the achievements of the players, coaches, students, alumni, and staff who were instrumental in helping the University of California, Irvine, win the national title.

Attest:

*Clerk.*