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H. RES. 1035

Honoring Villanova University for winning the 2009 National Collegiate Athletic Association championships in Division I women's cross country and Football Championship Subdivision (formerly I-AA) and for other accomplishments.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 21, 2010

Mr. SESTAK (for himself, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. GERLACH, Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, Ms. SCHWARTZ, and Mr. PITTS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

RESOLUTION

Honoring Villanova University for winning the 2009 National Collegiate Athletic Association championships in Division I women's cross country and Football Championship Subdivision (formerly I-AA) and for other accomplishments.

Whereas, on November 23, 2009, the Villanova University Wildcats' women's cross country team won its eighth National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I national championship;

Whereas five runners on the Villanova University women's cross country team finished in the top 26 positions at the national championship;

Whereas junior Amanda Marino finished sixth, junior Sheila Reid finished 13th, sophomore Bogdana Mimic finished 22nd, junior Ali Smith finished 24th, senior Nicole Schappert finished 26th, freshman Brooke Simpson finished 60th, and senior Kaitlyn Tallman finished 98th overall at the national championship;

Whereas the roster of the Villanova University women's cross country team also included Meredith Altenhofen, Shannon Browne, Anna Francis, Meaghan Higgins, Callie Hogan, Katherine LoCosa, Sarah Morrison, Ariann Neutts, Kristen O'Dowd, Kaitlin O'Sullivan, Theresa Rush, and Meghan Smith;

Whereas Gina Procaccio won her first title as the head coach of the women's cross country team and was named women's Division I National Cross Country coach of the year by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association;

Whereas men's cross country head coach Marcus O'Sullivan and assistant coaches Meghan Courtney and Adrian Blincoe contributed significantly to the success of the women's cross country team;

Whereas, on Friday, December 18, 2009, the Villanova University men's football team won its first national title;

Whereas the Villanova University football team won the championship game by defeating the top-ranked team from the University of Montana by a score of 23 to 21 points;

Whereas the Villanova University football team reached the National Collegiate Athletic Association Football Championship Subdivision title game with playoff victories over the football teams from the College of the Holy Cross,

the University of New Hampshire, and the College of William and Mary;

Whereas the Villanova University football team was led by senior captains Brian Brannigan, Phil Matusz, and Osayi Osunde;

Whereas junior wide receiver Matt Szczur and junior offensive lineman Ben Ijalana were named to the Football Championship Subdivision All-American Team;

Whereas Will Thompson, the senior long snapper on the football team was the inaugural winner of the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Elite 88 academic award for the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs and has a 3.97 grade-point average as an accounting major;

Whereas the roster of the Villanova University football team also included Louis Adeyemi, Ronnie Akins, Angelo Babbaro, Aaron Ball, Alex Behm, Ryan Bennett, Devon Bridges, Josh Bucci, Jonathan Bugli, Blaise Butler, Marlon Calbi, Tony Canci, Brant Clouser, Angel Clybourn, Aaron Conaway, Jarred Corey, Rakim Cox, Christian Culicerto, Donald Davis, John Dempsey, Lawrence Doss, Miller Edwards, Chidozie Ekweozor, Brennan Erbeznik, Chris Farmer, Delano Ferguson, Matthew Fritz, Aaron Grey, Patrick Haggerty, Chris Halcovage, Mark Hamilton, Brandyn Harvey, Nick Hurley, John Jackson, Larry Jackson, Anthony Johnson, Chris Johnson, Kelvin Johnson, Mario Johnson, Marlon Johnson, Marquis Kirkland, Tim Kukucka, Eric Loper, Conor Maher, Joe Makoid, Frederick Maldonado, Mike Mayock, Kenny Miles, Sean Miller, Ramin Mobasser, Martel Moody, Sean Morrissey, Connor Nelson, John Nelson, Gene Oakley, Chris Otten, Vince Peterson, James Pitts, Travis Poston, Joshua Potts, Eric Predatsch, Joe Price,

Mikey Reynolds, Jeremy Rodriguez, Dominic Sarneckia, Michael Sheridan, Dan Shirey, George Siracuse, Tom Teel, Terence Thomas, Jonathan Toroni, Zach Ugarte, Ross Ventrone, Jacob Wade, Thomas Weaver, Dorian Wells, Norman White, Chris Whitney, Nick Yako, Antwon Young, and Tamai Young;

Whereas head coach Andy Talley led the Villanova University football team to its first national championship with 14 wins and 1 loss, marking a program best;

Whereas head coach Talley, who has admirably guided the Villanova University football program for 25 years, was named the 2009 American Football Coaches Association Football Championship Subdivision National Coach of the Year;

Whereas head coach Talley started the national bone marrow registration campaign, known as the “Get in the Game and Save a Life” campaign, enlisting 26 college football programs from all levels that have combined to test more than 8,000 potential donors;

Whereas head coach Talley and his coaching staff, including Daniel Blume, Billy Crocker, Mark Ferrante, Brian Flinn, Justus Galac, Pierre Ingram, Mark Reardon, David Riede, Darrius Smith, Sam Venuto, and Clint Wiley, deserve much credit for the outstanding determination and accomplishments of the team;

Whereas the Villanova University football program, by being in the top 10 percent of football programs with regard to academic progress, received a Public Recognition Award from the National Collegiate Athletic Association for having an academic progress report of 980 out of a possible 1,000;

Whereas the Villanova athletic department holds an overall academic progress report of 986 in the May 2009 National Collegiate Athletic Association report, has a graduation success rate of 95 percent, and an overall grade-point average of more than 3.0 for the 12th consecutive semester as of the spring 2009 semester;

Whereas both the Villanova University men's and women's basketball teams qualified for the 2009 National Collegiate Athletic Association Tournament, and the men's basketball team advanced to the Final Four in the Tournament;

Whereas men's basketball head coach Jay Wright was named the 2009 Big East Conference coach of the year and women's basketball head coach Harry Perretta was named the 2009 Big East Conference co-coach of the year;

Whereas the Villanova University men's lacrosse team won the 2009 Colonial Athletic Association Championship and qualified for its first National Collegiate Athletic Association Tournament appearance;

Whereas Villanova University also supports a Special Olympics Committee that regularly plans and executes the largest student-run Special Olympics event in the world;

Whereas Villanova University students and student athletes through their academic, athletic, and philanthropic accomplishments embody the meaning of the Villanova motto of "Veritas, Unitas, Caritas"; and

Whereas the students, alumni, faculty, and supporters of Villanova University are to be congratulated for their commitment to excellence in the classroom, in competitive athletics, and in community service: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) congratulates the Villanova University wom-
3 en's cross country team for winning the 2009 Na-
4 tional Collegiate Athletic Association Division I na-
5 tional championship;

6 (2) congratulates the Villanova University
7 men's football team for winning the 2009 National
8 Collegiate Athletic Association Football Champion-
9 ship Subdivision (formerly I-AA);

10 (3) recognizes the achievements of the entire
11 Villanova University Athletic Department, including
12 players, coaches, and support staff, both on the play-
13 ing field and in the classroom; and

14 (4) directs the Clerk of the House of Represent-
15 atives to make available enrolled copies of this reso-
16 lution to Villanova University for display and to
17 transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to each
18 coach and member of the 2009 National Collegiate
19 Athletic Association Football Championship Subdivi-
20 sion men's football national championship team, and
21 to each coach and member of the 2009 National Col-
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23 national championship team.

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