

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. 518

Congratulating the University of Alabama Crimson Tide football team for winning the 2011 Bowl Championship Series National Championship.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 18, 2012

Ms. SEWELL (for herself, Mr. BONNER, Mrs. ROBY, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. BROOKS, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, and Mr. BACHUS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the University of Alabama Crimson Tide football team for winning the 2011 Bowl Championship Series National Championship.

Whereas the University of Alabama Crimson Tide won the Allstate Bowl Championship Series (BCS) National Championship in New Orleans, Louisiana, on January 9, 2010, in an exciting victory over the Louisiana State University Tigers with a score of 21 to 0;

Whereas the University of Alabama Crimson Tide finished the 2011 season with a near perfect record of 12 wins and 1 loss;

Whereas the University of Alabama Crimson Tide defeated 5 nationally ranked teams during the 2011 season;

Whereas the 2011 BCS National Championship game marks the 14th National Championship for the Crimson Tide;

Whereas the 2011 BCS National Championship game marks the second National Championship in 3 seasons for the University of Alabama Crimson Tide;

Whereas the University of Alabama Crimson Tide's victory in the 2011 BCS National Championship game marks the sixth consecutive BCS National Championship won by a team in the Southeastern Conference;

Whereas the University of Alabama's 2011 BCS National Championship represents the State of Alabama's third straight national championship;

Whereas the University of Alabama Crimson Tide's 21 to 0 victory over the Louisiana State University Tigers represents the first "shut-out" in BCS Championship history;

Whereas during the BCS National Championship game, Doak Walker Award Winner Trent Richardson recorded 26 carries, 96 yards, and scored the only touchdown of the entire game;

Whereas linebacker Courtney Upshaw recorded 7 tackles, 1 sack, and was named the Bowl Championship Series defensive player of the game;

Whereas quarterback A.J. McCarron completed 23 of 34 passes for 234 yards and was named the Bowl Championship Series offensive player of the game;

Whereas Jeremy Shelley successfully completed 5 field goal attempts, contributing 15 points to the victory and tying the record for the most completed field goals in BCS game history;

Whereas the University of Alabama Crimson Tide’s defense held Louisiana State University’s rushing game to just 39 yards on 27 attempts and allowed Louisiana State University only 92 total offensive yards in the game;

Whereas Nick Saban, in his fifth season as head coach is a three-time National Coach of the Year, first-ever recipient of the Bobby Bowden National Coach of the Year Award, 2008 Home Depot Coach of the Year, and recipient of both the Paul W. “Bear” Bryant National Coach of the Year Award and the Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year Award;

Whereas head coach Nick Saban instilled in all of his players a sense of integrity, pride, sportsmanship, determination, and a sheer will to win, that has inspired both his team and the entire Tuscaloosa, Alabama, community;

Whereas the vision and leadership of President Dr. Robert E. Witt and Athletic Director Mal Moore was instrumental in bringing academic and athletic success and national recognition to the University of Alabama;

Whereas the University of Alabama Crimson Tide’s 2011 BCS National Championship is a unifying victory for the State of Alabama which suffered so much devastation in the wake of the April 2011 tornadoes; and

Whereas the 2011 University of Alabama football team has brought great honor and pride to the University of Alabama, the University of Alabama family, the entire State of Alabama, and the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) congratulates the University of Alabama
2 Crimson Tide football team for winning the 2011
3 Bowl Championship Series National Championship;

4 (2) recognizes the great achievements of the
5 players, coaches, students, and staff whose hard
6 work, dedication, and persistence were key in help-
7 ing the University of Alabama Crimson Tide win the
8 2011 BCS National Championship; and

9 (3) respectfully requests the Clerk of the House
10 of Representatives to transmit a copy of this resolu-
11 tion to University of Alabama President Dr. Robert
12 E. Witt and head coach Nick Saban for appropriate
13 display.

○