

Way and other charities when they are called upon again to respond for whatever tragedies we may suffer, tornadoes or earthquake disasters this country may face in the future.

I understand the Red Cross may tomorrow simply say, if you do not like what we are doing with the money, call us and we will refund it. That is not a good answer. That is a terrible answer. Americans do not want a refund. They want the money they donated for those families to go to those families and they want the Red Cross and other charities to honor those donations.

So again as a friend of the Red Cross, as a supporter of the Red Cross, as a great supporter of the United Way, this Congress has always supported those institutions, I want to urge the Red Cross again to reconsider their position. Those monies were not donated for a reserve account, they were donated through you to the families who suffered on September 11. You ought to have the decency to make sure those families get that money as quickly as you can, because doggone it, that is what Americans intended when they sent that money into you in such record amounts.

Mr. DEAL of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, the tragic events of September 11, 2001 were a blow to this nation. The attacks showed we were vulnerable to an outside attack. As bad as these attacks were, they did showcase the spirit of America. We, as Americans, did not roll over, we came together and showed the world why this land is great.

One way many decided to help was through financial donations to any one of numerous charitable organizations to help those in need. As we have seen over the past several months, Americans have been very generous in their giving. The best of America has been on display. However, just underneath the surface of these kind souls, is a group of individuals that try to take advantage of tragic events and people's generosity.

There are people out there who try to scam money and say it is for relief efforts. They use the telephone and Internet in order to solicit donations. The problems lies in the fact that even though on the surface these solicitations seem legitimate, they are not. The money usually goes directly into the person's pocket and never is used to help those in need. For this reason, I am proud to have been able to work with the gentleman from New Hampshire on this bill. It is important to make the penalties for fraud during times of national emergency so high, no one will attempt such deeds. It is also important that we send a message to the American people that such frauds will not be tolerated and they can feel safe in the fact that anyone who perpetrates such crimes will be punished. Let the American spirit shine through and may we continue to help those in need.

Mr. TAUZIN. Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of the bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FORBES). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. TAUZIN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2985.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PRAISING JOSEPH VINCENT PATERNO FOR HIS STEADFAST COMMITMENT TO ACADEMICS, SERVICE, AND CITIZENSHIP, AND CONGRATULATING HIM FOR HIS MANY COACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 276) praising Joseph Vincent Paterno for his steadfast commitment to academics, service, and citizenship, and congratulating Joseph Vincent Paterno for his many coaching accomplishments, including his 324th career coaching victory.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 276

Whereas Joseph Vincent Paterno coached the Penn State Nittany Lions football team to a 29 to 27 victory over the Ohio State Buckeyes on October 27, 2001, at Beaver Stadium in Happy Valley with 108,327 patrons in attendance;

Whereas that victory was Joe Paterno's 324th career coaching victory, making him the winningest Division I-A football coach in NCAA history;

Whereas Joe Paterno launched what he termed "The Great Experiment" on February 19, 1966, upon being named the head football coach at the Pennsylvania State University (Penn State);

Whereas Joe Paterno defined "The Great Experiment" as a demonstration that Division I student-athletes can achieve greatness on the field while excelling in the classroom, and can become valuable assets to the community in their postgraduate endeavors;

Whereas Joe Paterno has nurtured 21 first-team Academic All-Americans, 14 Hall of Fame Scholar-Athletes, and 17 NCAA postgraduate scholarship winners;

Whereas from 1996 to 2000 Joe Paterno nurtured 69 Academic All-Big Ten football honorees, more than any other Big Ten Conference institution during that period;

Whereas according to the 2000 NCAA Graduation Rate Report, the 4-year graduation rate of Joe Paterno's Penn State players was 76.5 percent, significantly above the 48 percent national average;

Whereas Joe Paterno and his wife Sue have continually demonstrated their loyalty and commitment to Penn State through volunteer efforts and contributions, including a \$3,500,000 gift—the most generous gift ever given to a university by a coach and his family—for academic scholarships, faculty endowments, and campus construction projects;

Whereas immediately following his first national championship in January of 1983, Joe Paterno bypassed the customary acceptance speech and instead pressed the University's Board of Trustees to make Penn State number one in academics as well as athletics and began advocating for the libraries of Penn State;

Whereas Joe and Sue Paterno subsequently served as Co-Chairs of the Campaign for the Library which raised \$11,000,000 for an expansion effort that would double the size of the existing library at Penn State's University Park campus;

Whereas the Paternos' generosity and vision were recognized by the vote of Penn

State's Board of Trustees to name the new world-class library after the Paternos, and at the dedication of the Paterno Library at Penn State's University Park campus that occurred on September 8, 2000;

Whereas Joe Paterno has received countless awards for being a role model and mentor for his players, a community leader, and a humanitarian and philanthropist who exhibits and promotes the time-honored values of selflessness, equality, dignity, educational achievement, and community service;

Whereas Joe Paterno has accumulated all 324 of his coaching wins at Penn State, where he is currently in his 52d season as an assistant or head coach;

Whereas Joe Paterno has been on the coaching staff during more than half of all the football games played at Penn State since the football program began in 1887;

Whereas Joe Paterno's coaching career has spanned 11 United States Presidential administrations;

Whereas Joe Paterno led Penn State to 2 national championships, in 1982 and 1986;

Whereas Joe Paterno led Penn State to 5 perfect seasons, in 1968, 1969, 1973, 1986, and 1994;

Whereas Joe Paterno has won 20 bowl games at Penn State, an NCAA record;

Whereas Joe Paterno is the only coach to have won all 4 traditional New Year's Day Bowl games—the Rose, Sugar, Cotton, and Orange Bowls—as well as the Fiesta Bowl;

Whereas the American Football Coaches Association has named Joe Paterno the Coach of the Year an unprecedented 4 times, in 1968, 1978, 1982, and 1986;

Whereas Joe Paterno has coached 55 first-team All-Americans;

Whereas Joe and Sue Paterno are blessed with 5 children and 9 grandchildren;

Whereas Joe Paterno's traditional game-day attire of coat and tie, rolled pantleg cuffs, white socks, and black football shoes is recognized in sporting circles across the Nation;

Whereas Joe Paterno is affectionately known as "JoePa" to his extended Penn State family and to the rest of the football world; and

Whereas Joe Paterno received a touching retrospective from his high school mentor at the Brooklyn Preparatory School, the late Father Thomas Bermingham, who said: "The Father gave me the sense that I was being handed a treasure. Joe is a treasure." Now, therefore, be it

Resolved,

SECTION. 1. JOSEPH VINCENT PATERNO.

The House of Representatives—

(1) praises Joseph Vincent Paterno for his steadfast commitment to academics, service, and citizenship;

(2) congratulates Joseph Vincent Paterno for his many coaching accomplishments, including his 324th career coaching victory; and

(3) thanks Joseph Vincent Paterno for his contributions to college football, to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and to the Nation.

SEC. 2. TRANSMITTAL.

The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Joseph Vincent Paterno and to the President of the Pennsylvania State University.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) and the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PAYNE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.Res. 276.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Georgia?

There was no objection.

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to stand in this House tonight and commend the resolution to the gentleman from Pennsylvania, commending Coach Joe Paterno, the coach of the Nittany Lions at Penn State University, who, on October 27, in Happy Valley, Beaver Stadium, before 106,000 people, the Penn State Nittany Lions defeated the Ohio State Buckeyes by a score of 29 to 27. That victory, the 324th in the career of Joe Paterno, established him as the winningest coach in the history of NCAA Division I college football.

But for those who know Coach Paterno the best, this is but a small part of his legacy that he has left to American athletics and American academics. When Coach Paterno was hired in February of 1966 to become the head coach of the Nittany Lions, he pronounced that he was going to attempt what he called "The Great Experiment." He believed it was possible to establish excellence in university athletics and in collegiate athletics while, at the same time, having academic excellence and excellence in community service.

In the 35 years since his being hired as head coach of Penn State University, he has done exactly that: two national championships; four times Coach of the Year in the NCAA, unprecedented. A tremendous number of All-Americans who were academic All-Americans; NCAA postgraduate fellows, and the litany goes on and on. He, his wife, together, in one event, contributed \$3.5 million to Penn State University for academic excellence and the pursuit of better academics for that great university. He is steadfast in his promotion of and giving to the library at Penn State University.

Coach Paterno's success on the athletic field as a coach is unprecedented in our country. His example as a role model to all of those that lead student athletes is equally unprecedented.

Coach Paterno was recruited at Brown University to be a quarterback, one of the few colleges in America to recruit this gentleman. In one of his great seasons at Brown University, he finished a record of eight wins and one loss. Following their last victory in that season, proclaiming his excellence, a sports writer wrote, "Paterno is indeed unusual. He can't pass. He can't run. He just thinks and wins."

Coach Joe Paterno thought enough of America's youth and the power of athletics to join in together with the power of academics and learning, to produce the highest ratio of student

athletes graduating from their institution of any university in Division I in the NCAA. I am pleased, Mr. Speaker, to be a part of this commendation today to Joseph Vincent Paterno, the head coach of Penn State University, the winningest coach in Division I NCAA history.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I, too, rise in support of H.Res. 276, praising Joseph Vincent Paterno for his steadfast commitment to academics, service, and citizenship, and congratulating Joe Vincent Paterno for his many coaching accomplishments, including his 324th career coaching victory.

During this time of tribulation and trial and uncertainty and terrorism, accidental plane crashes, it is a pleasure to be able to stand up to praise a great American person that exemplifies what America is all about, a man who stands for commitment, stands for the mind, the body, and the spirit.

Joe Paterno is one of the greatest coaches of all times. As has been indicated, he served for 16 years as an assistant coach with Penn State University after playing at Brown and then went on to coach for a total of 51 years. He has been head coach since 1966.

We have heard of his accomplishments. He led the team to 19 bowl victories, more than any other person in his profession. He is the only coach to win four New Year's Day bowl games: the Rose Bowl, the Sugar Bowl, the Cotton Bowl, the Orange Bowl. He also won the Fiesta Bowl. He had five perfect seasons. He had seven undefeated regular seasons. Twenty of his teams that he coached finished in the top 10. Twenty-six of his teams finished in the top 20, and 26 times his team was rated the best in the East.

He went on to break the record of Pop Warner with his 322nd, and then on to beat Bear Bryant with his 323rd, and finally, to have the record with his 324th victory.

He has been selected to the National Football Foundation and Coaches Football Hall of Fame as the first active coach ever to receive its Distinguished Americans Award. He has won Coach of the Year honors an unprecedented four times with balloting from his colleagues, an award that is given by one's peers. Paterno sent more than 200 players to the National Football League, two of whom, his linebackers, Jack Ham and fullback Franco Harris, have been enshrined into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. As a matter of fact, Joe Paterno changed football, finding out that if you have a good quarterback, one good running back, but a host of good linebackers, you can become the national champs.

As a matter of fact, many of his outstanding linebackers came from our State of New Jersey. One reason that Rutgers has not done well and that Penn State has is that Joe Paterno

learned that the best football players in the country, especially defensive linebackers that he wanted to highlight, lived in New Jersey. So Joe Paterno would come to the Newark Boys and Girls Clubs Annual Banquet where the all-state team was unfolded by New Jersey's only major paper, the Newark Star Ledger. Joe Paterno would always speak at that dinner and end up with commitments from half of New Jersey's top ball players.

So we certainly appreciate Joe Paterno and what he has meant to New Jersey. I have been in his company on a number of occasions at some of those dinners 10, 15, 20 years ago. One of my local fellows graduated from Seton Hall Prep School; Chet Parlavecchio was one of those linebackers that Joe Paterno took to Penn State. Chet became the cocaptain of the football team and became one of the outstanding players.

As has been indicated, Joe Paterno did not only mold good outstanding ball players, he also was well respected and one of the most admired figures in college athletics because he also had a commitment to academics. This is what Joe Paterno said: "The players who have been most important to the success of Penn State teams have just naturally kept their priorities straight. Football a high second, but academics an undisputed first." That is what Joe called "The Great Experiment," to prove that athletes could also be good students. He changed the image of what an athlete could be.

He is highly recognized for his support of scholarships, as we have heard, \$3.5 million that he has contributed to Penn State academics areas. Penn State has produced at least one first team All-American in 30 years in academics. They have graduated over 68 percent of their entering class teams and have had 80 percent of men going to the school for 4 years. Penn State has had 20 first-team academic All-Americans, 14 Hall of Fame scholar athletes, and 16 NCAA postgraduate scholarship winners. He has really done a great job. He is the recipient of three honorary degrees, one from his alma mater, a Doctor of Laws from Brown, a Doctor of Human Letters from Gettysburg College, and a Doctor of Laws from Allegheny College.

So it is a pleasure for us to change the focus here this evening, but to pay tribute to a great American, a person, as I have indicated, that I have been proud to know, a person that I respect as a former high school football coach and track coach back at South Side High School. When I was a teacher, I could really appreciate the combination between athletics and sports. So he is really what we call the real stuff. He is really what makes America great, and I ask my colleagues to support this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield such time as he may

consume to the distinguished gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PETERSON), the author of this legislation.

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

It is a delight and a privilege tonight to stand here and honor one of America's greatest, my friend, and my colleagues' friend, Mr. Joe Paterno. Mr. Speaker, H.Res. 276, we had hoped to make it H.Res. 324 to honor his 324 victories, but the bureaucracy would not let us do that. But I am pleased to report that this resolution is sponsored by the entire Pennsylvania delegation. They were excited to do that.

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If Members had ever had the chance to sit down, meet, and talk with Joe Paterno, it was quickly obvious why he is so successful. I remember vividly one time I sat in his office, expecting to spend 5 or 10 minutes with him, and I was there most of an hour. He oozes enthusiasm. He is real. He is genuine. We talked football, we talked education, and we talked a little politics.

Mr. Speaker, Joe Paterno set the standard that education comes first, then athletics, a priority that all coaches should follow. Joe Paterno coached Penn State's Nittany Lions football team to a 29-to-27 victory over the Ohio State Buckeyes on October 27, 2001, at Beaver Stadium in Happy Valley with over 108,000 patrons in attendance. That victory was Joe Paterno's 324th career coaching victory, making him the winningest Division I-A football coach in NCAA history.

But Joe Paterno was much more than a college football coach, Mr. Speaker, as is shown by this resolution's referral to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, that says a lot.

After being named head football coach, he launched what he termed "The Great Experiment," and the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) shared that with us. Mr. Paterno's experiment is succeeding in spades. He nurtured 21 first-time Academic All-Americans, 14 Hall of Fame scholar-athletes, and 17 NCAA postgraduate scholarship winners.

From 1996 to 2000, he nurtured nine Academic All-Big-Ten football honorees, more than any other Big Ten Conference institutions during that period.

According to the 2000 NCAA Graduation Rate Report, the 4-year graduation rate of Joe Paterno's Penn State players was 76.5 percent, more than 50 percent above the 48 percent national average.

Mr. Speaker, Coach Paterno's contributions did not end there. He and his wife, Sue, have been so unselfish with their time and their resources over the years. Joe and Sue have continually demonstrated their loyalty and commitment to Penn State through volunteer efforts and contributions, including a \$3.5 million gift, the most generous gift ever given to a university by

a coach and his family, for academic scholarships, faculty endowments, and campus construction projects.

Immediately following his first national championship in January of 1983, Joe Paterno bypassed the customary acceptance speech and instead pressed the university's board of trustees to make Penn State number one in academics as well as athletics, and began advocating for the libraries of Penn State.

Joe and Sue Paterno then served as cochair of the campaign for the library, which raised \$11 million for an expansion effort that would double the size of the existing library at Penn State's University Park campus.

The Paternos' generosity and vision were recognized by vote of Penn State's board of trustees to name the new world-class library after the Paternos, and at the dedication of the Paterno Library of Penn State's University Park campus, that occurred on September 8, 2000.

Furthermore, Mr. Speaker, Joe Paterno has received countless awards for being a role model and mentor for his players, a community leader, a humanitarian, and a philanthropist who exhibits and promotes the time-honored values of selflessness, equality, dignity, educational achievement, and community service.

On the field, Joe is in a class by himself. He has accumulated all 324 of his coaching wins, now 325, where he is currently in his 52nd season as head coach. He has been on the coaching staff during more than half of all of the football games played at Penn State since the football program began in 1887, over half.

He has led Penn State to two national championships, in 1982 and 1986. He led them to five perfect seasons, in 1968, 1969, 1973, 1986, and 1994.

He has won 20 bowl games at Penn State, an NCAA record. He is the only coach to have won all four traditional New Year's Day bowl games, and the Fiesta Bowl.

I clearly remember on many occasions, and even recently, when he did not allow one or more of his star players to play in a bowl game. It was more important that they kept the rules than for him to win the bowl game, a message that I think will be felt by those young men and appreciated the rest of their lives.

The American Football Coaches Association has named Joe Paterno the Coach of the Year four times, in 1968, 1978, 1982, and 1986.

Mr. Speaker, JoePa, as he is affectionately known to his extended Penn State family and to the rest of the football world, has coached 55 first-team All-Americans.

In conclusion, I would like to read the closing of this resolution, as well as relay a touching quotation which sums up Joe Paterno best.

First, the resolution reads, "The U.S. House of Representatives praises Joseph Vincent Paterno for his steadfast

commitment to academics, service, and citizenship;

And congratulates Joseph Vincent Paterno for his many coaching accomplishments, including his 324th career victory;

And thanks Joseph Vincent Paterno for his contributions to college football, to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and to the Nation.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, Joe received a touching retrospective from his high school mentor at the Brooklyn Prep School, the late Father Thomas Birmingham, who said, "The Father gave me the sense that I was being handed a treasure."

Yes, Joe is a treasure, our treasure.

Joe, we are so proud of your accomplishments and for the privilege to honor you tonight.

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, it has been said that Joe Paterno has few peers. That is an accurate statement. We are very fortunate to have in this House one of those peers, the former coach of the Nebraska Cornhuskers, the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. OSBORNE).

Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. OSBORNE).

Mr. OSBORNE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding time to me.

Mr. Speaker, I, too, rise to recognize Joe Paterno. Joe's records have been well documented with the tremendous career that he has had with over 52 years at Penn State.

I would like to speak to the issue more as a friend. I have known Joe for roughly 25 years. We have been together often, both professionally and on social occasions. Our teams played against each other on five different occasions. So I have gotten to know him pretty well.

I guess what I would like to focus on are some things about Joe that I have really appreciated as a fellow coach.

First of all, there is the issue of longevity. Fifty-two years at one school is unheard of. I do not know of any other coach, even Amos Alonzo Stagg, who has done anything to approximate that number of years, 36 years as a head coach. There is a lot of wear and tear in 52 years of coaching and in 36 years as a head coach. The local folks know you best, so being at one school for 52 years is very similar to being elected to public office 52 straight years, because that is kind of what goes on in the coaching profession.

So he has been a survivor, he has been a great competitor over a long period of time.

Secondly, Joe cared about his players. I think that is probably the greatest compliment that you can pay a coach, because at its worst, coaching can be manipulative, at its best it can be nurturing. Joe was somebody who genuinely cared about the well-being of his players beyond the playing field.

We have talked at some length about graduation rates. There have been a lot

of different figures thrown out here to-night. I do not know exactly what the figure is, but obviously he put academics first. If a player did not go to class, he did not get to play, and his academic record was tremendous.

He always was very interested in decorum and discipline. His players always wore coats and ties when they went on the road. I do not believe that he ever had a team that I can remember that countenanced any kind of trash talking or insubordinate behavior on the playing field. I always appreciated that when we played against him.

Then I guess also I would mention that Joe cared about the game of football. In the off season, it is easy to take some time off, but Joe always went to the NCAA meetings and went to the coaches' meetings. He was very instrumental in accomplishing some NCAA legislation that was really critical to college football, and of course the fact that he was recognized four times as Coach of the Year by his peers would indicate how much coaches esteemed Joe and appreciated his work.

Lastly, I would just say that he is a quality person, fun to be around, with a good sense of humor, and a good family man. He and Sue had five children, three grandchildren. His generosity has been mentioned many times.

In conclusion, I would just like to congratulate Joe, not only for achieving a great milestone, but more importantly, I would like to congratulate him for the way in which he accomplished this milestone. We appreciate him very much.

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SHUSTER).

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding time to me.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to commend the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PETERSON) for House Resolution 276. But I have to admit I have goosebumps following the great gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. OSBORNE) to talk about one of my heroes.

I rise tonight to honor the achievements of a Pennsylvania icon, Joseph Vincent Paterno. Coach Paterno, or JoePa, as he is affectionately known, became part of the Penn State football family in 1950 as an assistant coach. In 1966 he was promoted to the position of head coach, a title he has held for 35 years and counting.

His success at Penn State is unparalleled: 325 career victories, 20 victories in bowl games, two national championships, four-time Coach of the Year, and six undefeated seasons.

While Joe Paterno has unquestionably set the standard of excellence on the football field, it is his accomplishments off the field that truly make him a cut above the rest.

Among the hundreds and thousands of Penn State players Joe Paterno has coached are an astounding 21 first-team Academic All-Americans. Penn

State football players concentrate on academics first and football second. The proof of this is that while the average graduation rate for NCAA college football schools is 48 percent, Penn State players have a remarkable 4-year graduation rate of 76.5 percent.

Joe Paterno does more than coach football. He is a mentor, a teacher, a friend, and an inspiration to all those that he has touched. Coach Paterno's influence and work have extended far beyond the football field. His service to the community of State College and the Pennsylvania State University System is unmatched.

From an unprecedented gift of \$3.5 million to Penn State University in 1997 to his chairmanship of the \$11 million campaign to expand Penn State's library, Joe Paterno has made education and community development his top priority.

To honor JoePa's devotion to excellence in education, the Penn State Board of Trustees voted to name a wing of the library in his honor.

I congratulate Coach Paterno on the landmark record of 324 career victories, and thank him for all he has done for Pennsylvania, and best wishes for 324 more.

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Joe Paterno, Head Coach for the Penn State Nittany Lions. Coach Paterno just celebrated his 324th career football victory and continues a steadfast commitment to coaching, community service and education. The 2001 football season has undoubtedly been a remarkable and memorable time for Mr. Paterno and all Penn State fans and alumni.

On October 27, 2001, Coach Paterno rallied the Nittany Lions to a 29–27 victory over the Ohio State Buckeyes. This memorable triumph marked Coach Paterno's 324th career coaching victory, making him the winningest Division I–A football coach in NCAA history, a record which will, beyond question, stand for some years to come. That victory surpassed the former record of 323 wins held by the legendary Paul "Bear" Bryant. Amazingly, all 324 wins were recorded at Penn State, where Paterno is currently in his fifty-second season as a coach.

Over the years, Coach Paterno's career has far exceeded that of any other collegiate coach. He led teams to nineteen bowl victories, more than anyone in his profession. He became the only coach to win four New Year's Day games—the Rose, Sugar, Cotton and Orange Bowls. He captured national championships in 1982 and 1986 and had teams finish undefeated, but uncrowned, in 1968, 1969, 1973 and 1994. A few of Coach Paterno's honors include winning the Coach of the Year Award an unprecedented four times in balloting by the American Football Coaches Association. He was selected by the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame as the first active coach ever to receive its "Distinguished American Award" and appeared on the cover of Sports Illustrated as its 1986 Sportsman of the Year.

While holding these prestigious records and awards is certainly an honor for Coach Paterno, it is just one facet of his many accomplishments and commitments throughout

the years. Coach Paterno and his wife, Sue, have continually shown their loyalty and commitment to education through their generous contributions and volunteer efforts. The Paterno's have donated more than \$3.5 million for academic scholarships, faculty endowments and campus construction projects. This is the most money ever donated to a university by a coach and his family. The Paterno's served as Co-Chairs of the Campaign for the Library, which raised \$11 million for an expansion effort that would double the size of the existing library at Penn State's University Park campus.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I commend and congratulate a fellow Pennsylvanian, Coach Joe Paterno, for his many coaching accomplishments, including his 324th career coaching victory, and thank him and his family for their contributions to the community, nation and college football. I am certain Coach Paterno will continue to be a community leader, a philanthropist and most of all, a role model and mentor to many. Thank you JoPa.

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, as a proud graduate of the Penn State Class of 1975 and as the only current Democratic Member of Congress to have graduated from Pennsylvania State University, it gives me great pleasure to honor a great institution of Pennsylvania and college football, Coach Joseph Paterno. As an original cosponsor of this legislation, want to extend my heartfelt appreciation and admiration for JoPa's achievements in athletics and academics.

Today, we are considering House Resolution 276, praising Joseph Paterno for his steadfast commitment to academics, service, and citizenship. Additionally, Coach Paterno has managed to win 324 college football games during his tenure in Happy Valley, surpassing football legends like Paul "Bear" Bryant and Pop Warner.

On the way to achieving this unprecedented milestone, JoPa has led the Nittany Lions to 19 bowl victories, more than any other Division I–A football coach in history, and was selected by the National Football Foundation and the College Football Hall of Fame to receive the prestigious "Distinguished American" Award, becoming the first active football coach ever to receive the award.

During his acceptance speech at the 1991 Hall of Fame induction, Coach Paterno said: "What are coaches? Number one, we're teachers and we're educators . . . we probably have more influence over our young people than anyone other than families."

We could laud Coach Paterno all day on his outstanding achievements on the football field, and deservingly so, but JoPa always stressed academic success and dedication to community to all his players. He has insisted upon a "total person" approach towards cultivating his players, encouraging and developing responsibilities to academics and personal lifestyle in addition to athletic ability.

The Paterno approach not only produces winning collegiate football teams, but also develops educated, well-rounded and successful college graduates. The Grant Experiment of Coach Paterno has produced 20 first-team Academic All-Americans, 14 Hall of Fame Scholar-Athletes, and 16 NCAA postgraduate scholarship winners. The Penn State football team has a 68 percent graduation rate . . . well above the national norm 50 percent. The

four-year average rate for the team was 74 percent.

Indeed, Paterno said, "The purpose of college football is to serve education, not the other way around."

Joe and Sue Paterno have given much of their lives to college football during Joe's 51 year career at my alma mater, and in 1997, announced their intention to give \$3.5 million dollars to endow new faculty positions and scholarships, thus continuing their commitment to academic success. As part of this endowment, special new construction projects are being undertaken, including the Pasquerilla Spiritual Center, a new interfaith chapel as well as an all sports museum to be built on campus.

Coach Paterno once said "A great library is the hear of a great university." He and his wife established the Paterno Libraries endowment in 1984, growing the fund to over \$4 million dollars. The Paternos have ensured greatness for library facilities and academics at Penn State by serving as co-chairs of the campaign to expand the Pattee Library. Their efforts helped raise \$14 million to expand the library, including a personal contribution of \$250,000. The expansion doubled the size of the library, and the University dedicated the new wing in September of last year, aptly naming the new expansion the Paterno Library.

In conclusion Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope the Members of the House of Representatives will join me in recognizing the contributions Coach Paterno has given to America, not just as successful football coach, but as an example of loyalty, dedication, and commitment to improving oneself in life. I salute JoPa, and wish him the very best of luck.

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 276, to honor Joe Paterno for his commitment to academics, service and citizenship and to congratulate Penn State Coach Paterno for his many coaching accomplishments including his 324th career coaching victory.

I thank my colleague, Congressman JOHN PETERSON, who represents the 5th District of Pennsylvania which includes my alma mater, The Pennsylvania State University, for sponsoring this resolution.

This resolution is a fitting tribute to one of the giants of American college football. It acknowledges the accomplishments of Joe Paterno on the football field as the winning major college football coach in history. He surpassed the former record of 323 wins held by the legendary Paul "Bear" Bryant when the Nittany Lions came from behind to defeat Big Ten rival Ohio State by a score of 29–27 on October 27.

What makes the record so special, especially for Penn State alumni and fans, is that all those wins have come as Coach Paterno paced the sidelines as head coach for Penn State, where he has spent his entire coaching career.

This resolution also recognizes Joe Paterno for being a mentor and role model for his players. When he launched "The Great Experiment" upon taking the helm in 1966 as head football coach at Penn State, he wanted to demonstrate that Division I college student-athletes could achieve greatness on the football field while also excelling in the classroom and becoming valuable assets to their communities after receiving their degrees and leaving the gridiron.

There can be no doubt that "The Great Experiment" has been successful. Joe's teams have twice been national champions. They have had five perfect seasons. They hold the NCAA record for post-season bowl wins at 20. Joe is the only coach to have won all four traditional New Year's Day bowl games—the Rose, Sugar, Cotton and Orange—as well as the Fiesta Bowl. Joe has been named "Coach of the Year" by the American Football Coaches Association an unprecedented four times. He's coached 55 first-team football All-Americans.

As significant as all those records and accolades are, there are other statistics in Coach Paterno's coaching career to which I believe he would give greater import. That's the value of "The Great Experiment" at Penn State which Joe Paterno places on the student side of student-athlete.

He has coached 21 first-term Academic All-Americans; 14 Hall of Fame Scholar-Athletes; and 17 NCAA postgraduate scholarship winners. In addition, between 1996 and 2000 under Joe's tutelage, Penn State had 69 Academic All-Big Ten football honorees, more than any other Big Ten Conference institution during those years. Joe takes great pride in the number of young men in his football program who receives their degrees from Penn State, and in the 2000 NCAA Graduation Rate Report, the four-year graduation rate of Coach Paterno's players was over 76 percent. The national average is 48 percent.

In 1983 shortly after his first national championship, he challenged Penn State's Board of Trustees to make the University number one in academics as well as athletics and began his crusade for the libraries at Penn State. With his wife Sue, Joe served as co-chair of the Campaign for the Library which raised \$11 million to expand and double the size of the existing library on Penn State's University Park campus. In a fitting tribute to Joe and Sue, the new world-class facility dedicated last September bears the name Paterno Library.

Joe and Sue Paterno are generous in their tireless work and commitment to Penn State, not only through their volunteer efforts, but through their financial contributions. Their \$3.5 million gift to Penn State for academic scholarships, faculty endowments and campus building projects is the most generous ever given to a university by a coach and his family.

Joe Paterno is one of those rare and wonderful individuals whose life is grounded in the highest of values, integrity, and service and who is true to his God, his family and his fellow man. Penn State and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have been blessed with his presence and now it is fitting that the people's House recognize his commitment to academics, service and citizenship and congratulate and thank him for his contributions to college football and to the nation.

We salute Coach Paterno, his wife Sue and his family, all the teams he has lead over the years to victory and all the young men who have not only learned how to play football under his tutelage, but who have learned life lessons from one of the best teachers they could ever have.

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. Speaker, I ask Members to adopt the resolution.

I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FORBES). The question is on the motion

offered by the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 276.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT SCHOOLS SHOULD SET ASIDE TIME TO ALLOW CHILDREN TO PRAY FOR, OR QUIETLY REFLECT ON BEHALF OF THE NATION DURING THIS TIME OF STRUGGLE

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 239) expressing the sense of Congress that schools in the United States should set aside a sufficient period of time to allow children to pray for, or quietly reflect on behalf of, the Nation during this time of struggle against the forces of international terrorism.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. CON. RES. 239

Whereas section 4 of title 4, United States Code, establishes the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and describes such Pledge as including the phrase "one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all";

Whereas in 1954 President Dwight D. Eisenhower, referring to the reference to God in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, said that the Nation had reaffirmed "the transcendence of religious faith in America's heritage and future; in this way we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual weapons which forever will be our country's most powerful resource in peace and war"; and

Whereas President George W. Bush has asked the people of the United States to pray for those who suffered as a result of the atrocities committed against the United States on September 11, 2001: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That it is the sense of Congress that schools in the United States should set aside a sufficient period of time to allow children to pray for, or quietly reflect on behalf of, the Nation during this time of struggle against the forces of international terrorism.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) and the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on House Concurrent Resolution 239.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Georgia?

There was no objection.

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, this resolution encourages and does not require the schools of