

the unwavering leadership of their second year head coach, Jim Tressel. Starting the season ranked an unlucky 13th, the Buckeyes kept winning and winning, ending up the regular season by beating archrival Michigan 14–9, remaining undefeated and ranked 2nd in the country.

Their record earned Ohio State a trip to Tempe, Arizona to play in the Bowl Championship Series national championship game against the Miami Hurricanes, a game in which the Buckeyes entered as an 11 point underdog.

In that national championship game, ultimately decided in double overtime Ohio State emerged victorious with their offense scoring 31 points and their defense holding Miami for four downs on the two yard line as time expired to win the game. Critics and sports-writers have already called this game arguably the greatest college football game ever played.

The Buckeyes found a breathtaking way to end an equally dramatic season.

From their fourth-down play successes to their 8 come-from-behind victories, Ohio State showed their hearts on the field and won a record setting 14 victories.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to take a moment to recognize Coach Tressel, who is in his second year as the Head Coach of the Ohio State Buckeyes. Coach Tressel's stoic, disciplinarian, and consistent style of leadership has restored the Buckeye team to its rightful place among the nation's elite college programs. And, in the process, Coach Tressel has instantly joined coaches Woody Hayes and Paul Brown in the annals of Ohio State's proud athletic history. In two short seasons, Coach Tressel has demonstrated that winning is innate—whether at Division 1–AA (Division 1 double A) Youngstown State or the Ohio State University.

However, the 2002 Buckeye team was perhaps best personified by junior quarterback Craig Krenzel. The consistently under-rated Krenzel, a molecular genetics major carrying a 3.7 GPA, displayed a grit and toughness equal to his intellect by scoring two dramatic touchdowns, leading both teams in rushing yards, and earning the Fiesta Bowl's MVP honor.

Ohio State football history and tradition are the bedrock of Columbus, Ohio—from The Best Damn Band in the Land, the Dotting of the I in Script Ohio to the Horseshoe, Skull Sessions and Hineygate, Ohio State fans are ever mindful of the University's storied past.

Both with and without tickets, some 60,000 adoring OSU faithful traveled to Tempe to cheer on their Buckeyes, coloring Sun Devil Stadium in a sea of scarlet and gray, and giving the Buckeyes a home field advantage some 2000 miles away from Columbus.

As a graduate of The Ohio State University, I take enormous pride in the Ohio State football team's sportsmanship and courage. The Buckeyes showed the world the definition of champions. Their preparation, fortitude, and desire will go down in the history of athletic competition as an example of triumph in the face of adversity. I could not be more pleased to be a fan, alumna, and Representative of The Ohio State University and their championship football team.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ISAKSON). The question is on the mo-

tion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TIBERI) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, House Resolution 10.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

CONGRATULATING THE GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY LAKERS FOR WINNING THE 2002 NCAA DIVISION II FOOTBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 13) congratulating the Grand Valley State University Lakers for winning the 2002 NCAA Division II Football National Championship.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 13

Whereas on December 14, 2002, the Grand Valley State University Lakers won the 2002 NCAA Division II Football National Championship by defeating Valdosta State University;

Whereas this national championship is the school's first in a varsity sport;

Whereas the Lakers won the 2002 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Football Championship with a perfect 9-0 record in league play;

Whereas the Lakers completed the 2002 season with a perfect 14-0 record, and won 33 of its last 34 games;

Whereas Head Coach Brian Kelly has been with the team since 1991, and has led the team to a 104-34-2 overall record;

Whereas the Lakers returned 51 letter winners, including 16 starters from the 2001 team that fell only to North Dakota in the NCAA Division II National Championship game;

Whereas the Lakers placed 18 players on the 2002 All-GLIAC team;

Whereas quarterback Curt Anes was named the GLIAC Player of the Year for the second straight year and earned the 2002 Harlon Hill Trophy as NCAA Division II's most outstanding player;

Whereas the Lakers defense dominated opponents by ranking 34th in the Nation in rushing defense and recording 58 quarterback sacks;

Whereas the students, alumni, faculty, and fans of Grand Valley State University showed their support for by helping the Lakers set a GLIAC record for regular-season attendance; and

Whereas the Lakers have displayed great strength, ability, and perseverance this season and have made the State of Michigan proud: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) congratulates the Grand Valley State University Lakers for winning the 2002 NCAA Division II Football National Championship and recognizes all the players, coaches, and support staff who were instrumental in this achievement;

(2) requests that the President recognize the accomplishments of the 2002 Grand Val-

ley State University football team and invite them to Washington, D.C., for a White House ceremony for national championship teams; and

(3) directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to Grand Valley State University for appropriate display.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. HOEKSTRA) and the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. HOEKSTRA).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on H. Res. 13.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Grand Valley State University Lakers Football Team. On December 14, approximately 3 weeks before the Ohio State Buckeyes became national champions, the Grand Valley State University Lakers Football Team set the national standard by winning the NCAA Division II Football National Championship by defeating Valdosta State University.

In all seriousness, as a Wolverine from the great State of Michigan, just north of the State of Ohio, congratulations to our colleagues of the Big Ten, the Ohio State Buckeyes. It was a great year for the Midwest. My sympathy to my colleagues in other parts of the country who did not enjoy the same type of success the Midwest had this year during the football season.

This game also was an exciting game that pitted the number one ranked Grand Valley State Lakers against the number two ranked and perennial football powerhouse Valdosta State University from the great State of Georgia. Ultimately, the game was won by the Lakers when quarterback Curt Anes threw a 10-yard scoring pass to wide receiver David Kircus with 1:04 left in the game to lift the Lakers to a 31–24 victory.

In addition to the national championship victory and the second consecutive trip to the national championship game, Grand Valley captured its second consecutive Great Lake Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Football Championship with a perfect 9–0 record, and going through the playoffs and concluding the season with a perfect record of 14–0.

Head Coach Brian Kelly, who has been with the team since 1991, has led the team to a 104–34–2 overall record and has much to be proud of. Coach Kelly assembled an extraordinary football program and a stellar coaching staff.

Led by senior quarterback Curt Anes, who on the evening before the championship game was awarded the 2002

Harlon Hill Trophy as Division II Football's most outstanding player, the Grand Valley State Football Team was an example of resiliency and determination as they strived to meet their team goal of a national championship. This triumph was truly a team effort.

Finally, I would like to also offer my thanks and congratulations to the extended family of Grand Valley State University, the alumni, the faculty, the fans, and of course the students who supported this team.

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

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume, and I rise in support of H. Res. 13, congratulating the Grand Valley State University Lakers for winning the NCAA Division II National Football Championship. This national championship is a special moment for Grand Valley State's fans and its university community. It is the school's first national championship in any varsity sport.

This is an outstanding achievement, especially when we consider that Division II football athletes do not have the benefit and publicity garnered by Division I schools. I know that as a fact because one of my sons was an All American Tackle for a Division II school and it was exciting, but they did not get any of the recognition that the Division I schools garnered.

I want to extend my hearty congratulations to Head Coach Brian Kelly, the Grand Valley State community, all of their fans, and most importantly their student athletes. Grand Valley's athletes have certainly performed admirably, and they deserve all the praise that we can give them.

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

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to my colleague from the State of Michigan (Mr. EHLERS), who also represents a number of Grand Valley State campuses in his district.

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman for yielding me this time, and I can only echo the words of congratulation that he has offered.

Just to give a little more information about Grand Valley State University, it did not start until 1960, with 223 students. If they fielded a football team that year, it would have consumed 10 percent of the student body. And in 42 short years, they went from that to a rather large University of 20,000 students, more than 48,000 alumni, and winning the national championship in the NCAA. It is an astounding record.

Also, I might mention that the main campus is in the west Michigan area, represented by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. HOEKSTRA), from whom we just heard; but the downtown campus is in my district. That consists of many graduate studies programs, engineering, and post-graduate course offerings.

It is a remarkable record of success. I have to pay tribute to the former president, Arend (Don) Lubbers, who served from 1968 through 2001 and did an incredible job of taking a fledgling university and building it into a full-grown university. In fact, the football stadium at Grand Valley is named after him, and is called Lubbers Stadium. The current president, Mark Murray, succeeded Lubbers in 2001. He has been there a short time and has done a great job of continuing the work there.

Football and sports are not the be-all and end-all of the university experience, especially in Michigan, where we have a strong orientation towards academic performance. But President Lubbers understood that successful sports teams are a source of pride for the students, staff, administration, and alumni of the schools they represent. In this respect, Grand Valley State University Lakers have ably represented their university and all of west Michigan in their march to the national championship.

The opportunity of playing on national television in the Division II championship game in each of the past two seasons has given Grand Valley State University national exposure it never would have received otherwise. I wish to congratulate the team for their tremendous performance this year. They came within one game of winning the national championship last year. They came back determined to win it this year, and they did.

Congratulations are also due to Coach Brian Kelly, who was named last night as the American Football Coaches Association's Division II National Coach of the Year. He has done an outstanding job there. I also want to congratulate senior quarterback Curt Anes, who received the Harlan Hill Trophy, which is Division II's equivalent of the Heisman Trophy. He is also a First-Team All American.

Senior wide receiver David Kircus, also a First-Team All American, set numerous NCAA Division II and school records throughout his career.

In addition, congratulations are due to offensive lineman Dale Westrick and defensive lineman Keyonta Marshall, both named First-Team All Americans.

Also, I have to congratulate not only the school, not only the team, the coach and the players, but also the supporters of the Grand Valley State University Lakers, who set a conference attendance record. That shows their loyalty and their support for the university and for their sports teams.

So I am very pleased that the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. HOEKSTRA) has offered this resolution. I am very pleased to join him in commending Grand Valley State University and their football team for their very, very, very fine performance.

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

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time, and I

would once again like to congratulate the Grand Valley State University Lakers. They have had an awesome year. Today we recognize them and congratulate them for that performance.

Mr. Speaker, as we pass this resolution, I would extend to the President a request that he invite the Grand Valley State University football team to Washington, D.C., to a White House ceremony that the White House traditionally hosts for Division II national championships of all sports; and we look forward to that happening.

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Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the extended Grand Valley State University family.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ISAKSON). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. HOEKSTRA) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, House Resolution 13.

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.

AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN ENGROSSMENT OF H. RES. 13, CONGRATULATING THE GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY LAKERS FOR WINNING THE 2002 NCAA DIVISION II FOOTBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that in the engrossment of House Resolution 13 the Clerk be authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross references and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House.

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

There was no objection.

HONORING WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY FOR WINNING 2002 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION DIVISION I-AA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 17) honoring the Hilltoppers of Western Kentucky University from Bowling Green, Kentucky, for winning the 2002 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I-AA football championship.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 17

Whereas the Western Kentucky University Hilltoppers from Bowling Green, Kentucky, won the 2002 NCAA Division I-AA collegiate football national championship;