

He believed in hopelessly out-of-date stuff that never did anything but win championships. No dribbling behind the back or through the legs. "There's no need," he'd say. No UCLA basketball number was retired under his watch. "What about the fellows who wore that number before? Didn't they contribute to the team?" he'd say. No long hair, no facial hair. "They take too long to dry, and you could catch cold leaving the gym," he'd say.

That one drove his players bonkers. One day, All-America center Bill Walton showed up with a full beard. "It's my right," he insisted. Wooden asked if he believed that strongly. Walton said he did. "That's good, Bill," Coach said. "I admire people who have strong beliefs and stick by them, I really do. We're going to miss you." Walton shaved it right then and there. Now Walton calls once a week to tell Coach he loves him.

It's always too soon when you have to leave the condo and go back out into the real world, where the rules are so much grayer and the teams so much worse. As Wooden shows you to the door, you take one last look around. The framed report cards of the great-grandkids. The boxes of jelly beans peeking out from under the favorite wooden chair. The dozens of pictures of Nellie.

He's almost 90 now, you think. A little more hunched over than last time. Steps a little smaller. You hope it's not the last time you see him. He smiles. "I'm not afraid to die," he says. "Death is my only chance to be with her again."

Problem is, we still need him here.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. MCKEON) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 411, as amended.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. MAJETTE. Mr. Speaker, due to a death in my family, I was unable to cast votes on Friday, November 7, 2003. Had I been present on rollcall 616, I would have voted "yea," on rollcall 617 I would have voted "yea," on rollcall 618 I would have voted "yea," and on rollcall 619 I would have voted "yea."

I was away on official business yesterday, Monday, November 17, 2003, in my district; and I was unable to cast votes on rollcalls 620 and 621. Had I been present on rollcall 620, I would have voted "yea," on rollcall 621 I would have voted "yea," on rollcall 622 I would have voted "yea," and on rollcall 623 I would have voted "yea."

#### CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS FIGHTING ILLINI MEN'S TENNIS TEAM FOR ITS SUCCESSFUL SEASON

Mr. MCKEON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 391) congratulating the

University of Illinois Fighting Illini men's tennis team for its successful season.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 391

Whereas the University of Illinois Fighting Illini men's tennis team concluded its season with a rare Triple Crown, including national championships in the team tournament, singles tournament, and doubles tournament, which were held at the University of Georgia in Athens;

Whereas the Fighting Illini became the first team that used three different players in the singles and doubles tournaments to capture the Triple Crown of college tennis since the current NCAA tennis team championship format began in 1977;

Whereas the Fighting Illini won the first NCAA team championship in the history of the University of Illinois tennis program as well as the first national team title for the university in any sport since 1989;

Whereas the Fighting Illini became the first team, other than the teams of the University of Southern California, Stanford University, the University of California, Los Angeles, and the University of Georgia, to win the national title since the NCAA adopted the current team championship format in 1977;

Whereas the Fighting Illini earned the team's first Intercollegiate Tennis Association National Indoor Championship in February 2003, which propelled the team to the number one ranking where it remained for the entire season;

Whereas the Fighting Illini won their seventh consecutive Big Ten Conference regular-season championship, as well as their sixth Big Ten Tournament crown in the last seven years;

Whereas the Fighting Illini have become the team with the all-time most wins, and the fourth undefeated and untied team in the 84-year history of the University of Illinois men's tennis program; and

Whereas the Fighting Illini team member, Amer Delic, won the first national singles title of the University of Illinois and team members Rajeev Ram and Brian Wilson won the university's second NCAA doubles crown: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

(1) congratulates and recognizes the University of Illinois Fighting Illini men's tennis team, coach Craig Tiley, and associate head coach Bruce Berque for the team's historic, successful, and monumental season; and

(2) directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to send, upon passage, an official copy of this Resolution to coach Craig Tiley, assistant coach Bruce Berque, and all other members of the 2003 National Championship men's tennis team.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. MCKEON) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. MCKEON).

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MCKEON. 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. 391.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of House Resolution 391, a resolution congratulating the University of Illinois Fighting Illini men's tennis team for its successful season; and particularly its rare Triple Crown win.

The mission statement for the University of Illinois Division of Intercollegiate Athletics states that its aim is to "have the highest quality athletics program in all sports that allows the University of Illinois teams to compete for championships in the Big Ten Conference and the National Collegiate Athletic Association."

The men's tennis team accomplished this ambitious and worthwhile goal when, earlier this year, the fighting Illini concluded its season with a national championship win in the team tournament, the singles tournament and the doubles tournament. Since the tennis team championship format began in 1977, no other team has captured the Triple Crown of college tennis by using three different players in the singles and doubles tournaments.

Additionally, deserving of commendation is the Fighting Illini's seventh consecutive Big Ten Conference regular season championship and their sixth Big Ten Tournament crown in the last 7 years.

The Fighting Illini has become the team with the most all-time wins and the fourth undefeated and untied team in the 84-year history of the University of Illinois men's tennis program. The distinction earned by these players and their remarkable repeat victories of the team reflect the dedication of each player, the leadership of Coach Craig Tiley, and the support of family, friends and fans. I thank the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. JOHNSON) for introducing this resolution and extend my congratulations to each of the hard-working players on each of the Fighting Illini teams, to Coach Tiley, and to the University of Illinois, I am happy to join my colleagues in honoring the success of this team and wish them continued success. I ask my colleagues to support this resolution.

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

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 391 and commend the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. JOHNSON) for introducing this resolution.

This resolution recognizes the success of the University of Illinois men's tennis team. The Fighting Illini finished off its season with a rare Triple Crown, including national championships in the team tournament, singles tournament and doubles tournament. This marked the first team championship for the tennis team at the University of Illinois. In fact, this is the first national championship for the Fighting Illini in any sport since 1989. I congratulate Coach Craig Tiley and all of

the student athletes on the tennis team.

Winning a national championship is something to be proud of, not only for the university but for its students, faculty, and the surrounding community. The achievement that marks a national championship brings out the best athletic performance our collegiate sports have to offer. Everyone involved in this should be congratulated for their performances.

In closing, I would urge Members to support this resolution, and again I commend the University of Illinois men's tennis team, extend to them my commendations and extend to the President, President Stukel and all of the faculty, this is a rare occurrence for the University of Illinois. I know everybody in Illinois is indeed delighted that the university has reached this milestone.

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a truly remarkable group of young athletes. The University of Illinois fighting Illini Men's Tennis Team had a memorable and historic 2002–2003 season. Beside winning their seventh consecutive Big Ten Conference regular-season championship, as well as their sixth Big Ten Tournament crown in the last 7 years, the undefeated Fighting Illini won the first NCA team championship in the history of the University of Illinois tennis program.

Using three different players in the singles and doubles tournaments, the Illini captured the rare triple crown of college tennis by winning the national championships in the team tournament, the singles tournament, and the doubles tournament and were the first team in the Nation to do so with three different players since the current NCAA tennis team championship format began in 1977.

Coach Craig Tiley, Assistant Coach Bruce Berque and the entire University of Illinois men's tennis team are a great source of pride for their university, the Champaign-Urbana community and the 15th District of Illinois. I thank Chairman BOEHNER and Alison Ream of the Education and Workforce Committee for their help with bringing H. Res. 391 to the floor and I ask my colleagues to support the bill.

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

Mr. MCKEON. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. JOHNSON) for bringing forth this resolution honoring the Fighting Illini athletes, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. MCKEON) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 391.

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.

#### CAPTIVE WILDLIFE SAFETY ACT

Mr. GILCHREST. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the

bill (H.R. 1006) to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to further the conservation of certain wildlife species, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 1006

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Captive Wildlife Safety Act".

#### SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF PROHIBITED WILDLIFE SPECIES.

Section 2 of the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 (16 U.S.C. 3371) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsections (g) through (j) as subsections (h) through (k), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after subsection (f) the following:

"(g) PROHIBITED WILDLIFE SPECIES.—The term 'prohibited wildlife species' means any lion, tiger, leopard, cheetah, jaguar, or cougar species, or any hybrid of such a species."

#### SEC. 3. PROHIBITED ACTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3 of the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 (16 U.S.C. 3372) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (A), by striking " , or" at the end and inserting a semicolon;

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by inserting "or" after the semicolon at the end; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

"(C) any live animal of a prohibited wildlife species (subject to subsection (e));";

(B) in paragraph (3)(B), by inserting "or" after the semicolon at the end; and

(C) in paragraph (4), by striking "paragraphs (1) through (4)" and inserting "paragraphs (1) through (3)"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(e) NONAPPLICABILITY OF PROHIBITED WILDLIFE SPECIES OFFENSE.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a)(2)(C) does not apply to importation, exportation, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, or purchase of an animal of a prohibited wildlife species, by a person that, under regulations prescribed under paragraph (3), is described in paragraph (2) with respect to that species.

"(2) PERSONS DESCRIBED.—A person is described in this paragraph, if the person—

"(A) is licensed and inspected by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service with respect to that species;

"(B) is a State college, university, or agency, State-licensed wildlife rehabilitator, or State-licensed veterinarian;

"(C) is an accredited wildlife sanctuary that cares for prohibited wildlife species and—

"(i) is a corporation that is exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code 1986 and described in sections 501(c)(3) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) of such Code;

"(ii) does not commercially trade in animals listed in section 2(g), including offspring, parts, and byproducts of such animals;

"(iii) does not propagate animals; and

"(iv) does not allow direct contact between the public and animals; or

"(D) has custody of the animal solely for the purpose of expeditiously transporting the animal to a person described in this paragraph with respect to the species.

"(3) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this subsection, the Secretary, in cooperation with the Director of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, shall promulgate regulations describing the persons described in paragraph (2).

"(4) STATE AUTHORITY.—Nothing in this subsection preempts or supersedes the authority of a State to regulate wildlife species within that State."

(b) APPLICATION.—Section 3(a)(2)(C) of the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 (as added by subsection (a)(1)(A)(iii)) shall apply beginning on the effective date of regulations promulgated under section 3(e)(3) of that Act (as added by subsection (a)(2)).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. GILCHREST) and the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. GILCHREST).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GILCHREST. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 1006.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, as a cosponsor of this legislation, I am pleased to rise in strong support of the Captive Wildlife Safety Act. This measure addresses the growing problem of unqualified and inexperienced individuals who are purchasing an increasing number of large exotic cats. There are dozens of Web sites that offer lion or tiger cubs for as little as \$300. Sadly, we know that one of those Internet tigers ended up living in deplorable conditions in an apartment complex in Bronx, New York.

While these species are extremely attractive when they are young, they quickly become 400-pound unwanted pets. Those buying these cats simply do not have the knowledge or resources to provide the specific nutritional, physical and environmental requirements of these animals. In many cases, they are unaware of the animals' growth patterns and the enormous cost of caring for them over their lifetime. In addition, escaped exotic animals have seriously injured or killed a number of our citizens.

In far too many cases, these pets are abandoned, locked away in tiny cages, or sold for their hide, meat and bones because, sadly, they are worth more dead than alive. H.R. 1006 will help to solve the problem by making it illegal to buy, sell, or trade certain large exotic cats in interstate or foreign commerce.

Under the terms of the bill, the term "prohibited wildlife species" is defined to include lions, tigers, leopards, cheetahs, jaguars and cougars and the hybrids of those species. The measure does not ban the private ownership of these cats and specific exemptions have been provided by qualified aquariums, circuses, sanctuaries and zoos.

During our subcommittee hearing, there was a great deal of support for H.R. 1006. One of our witnesses was Ms.