

CONGRATULATING KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY OWLS FOR WINNING 2004 NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S BASKETBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 594) congratulating the Kennesaw State University Owls for winning the 2004 NCAA Division II Men's Basketball National Championship, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 594

Whereas on March 27, 2004, the Kennesaw State University Owls defeated the University of Southern Indiana Screaming Eagles in Bakersfield, California, to win the 2004 NCAA Division II Men's Basketball National Championship;

Whereas 2004 marks the Kennesaw State University Owls' first NCAA Division II Men's Basketball National Championship;

Whereas the Kennesaw State University Owls won their final 26 consecutive games and achieved a 35-4 season record in the 2003-2004 season;

Whereas the Kennesaw State University Owls were undefeated in the Peach Belt Conference in the 2003-2004 season, and they became the first team from the Peach Belt Conference to win the Division II National Championship;

Whereas the Kennesaw State University Owls were led to victory by Head Coach Tony Ingle, Assistant Coaches Jeff Jones and Stace Tedford, Graduate Assistant Greg Matta, Bench Coach Ron Smith, Student Assistant Tony Ingle, Jr., and Head Athletic Trainer Karen Pfeifer;

Whereas the Kennesaw State University Owls' team of outstanding players, including Will Davis, Darrell Fisher, Terrence Hill, Israel Ingle, Georgy Joseph, Kenan Knight, Rey Luque, Kevin McDonald, Reggie McKoy, Taylor Patterson, Tobias Seldon, Cardale Talley, Justin Thompson, and Tommy Thompson contributed extraordinary performances both throughout the regular season and during the postseason in the Peach Belt Conference Tournament and the NCAA Division II Men's Basketball Tournament;

Whereas the Kennesaw State University Owls' senior guard Terrence Hill, who CBS named the game's Most Valuable Player, was critical to the team's championship, scoring a game-high 26 points and making 8 of 16 field goal attempts, including 4 of 7 attempts at 3-point shots;

Whereas Kennesaw State University, located in Kennesaw, Georgia, is headed by President Betty L. Siegel and has an enrollment of 15,600 students; and

Whereas the Kennesaw State University Owls men's basketball team has brought great pride to Kennesaw State University, the city of Kennesaw, and the State of Georgia: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) congratulates the Kennesaw State University Owls for winning the 2004 NCAA Division II Men's Basketball National Championship;

(2) recognizes the contributions of the Kennesaw State University Owls' players, coaches, staff, faculty, families, and supporters in winning the 2004 NCAA Division II Men's Basketball National Championship;

(3) commends the city of Kennesaw, Georgia, for its enthusiastic support of the Kennesaw State University Owls; and

(4) hopes that the high academic and athletic standards set by the Kennesaw State University Owls will continue to inspire fans

and young players around the world by producing student athletes of a high caliber.

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker, first of all I want to thank the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. LARSON), who about two debates ago acknowledged the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets who unfortunately lost in the NCAA finals to the great University of Connecticut basketball team. Today, we are on the floor acknowledging the champions, but, really, all of those in higher education who compete in the NCAA.

I am pleased to author and ask this House to consider its bipartisan support for H. Res. 594, which commends the Kennesaw State University Owls men's basketball team for winning the NCAA Division II national championship.

Kennesaw State won the last 26 games of its season, finished with a record of 34 and 5, and defeated the University of Southern Indiana Screaming Eagles in Bakersfield, California, by a margin of 84 to 59 in the national championship game.

This great university and its great athletic program won the Peachbelt Conference Championship for the 2003-2004 season. Head Coach Tony Ingle, who was named the Naismith Co-Coach of the Year in Georgia, along with Paul Hewitt of Georgia Tech, led Kennesaw State University to a truly outstanding year.

All-American Terrance Hill, who was selected All-American, one of the top 15 NCAA basketball players in the United States of America, was also chosen the most valuable player in the final game against Southern Indiana.

The Kennesaw State University Owls have a great athletic program, and this victory is a great tribute to their effort; but I think it is important when we talk about athletics that we talk about it in the context of student athletics as well, and this resolution affords me an opportunity to talk a little bit about this great university, which is celebrating its 40th year.

Forty years ago, two representatives from the State of Georgia, Representative Joe Mack Wilson and Representative Al Burruss, both of whom are not with us now but did a great job for so many years in the legislature, spawned the idea that with Atlanta's growth it was important to have an urban commuter college to support the universities that were in the area; and thus Kennesaw State College, at that time, became one of the 34 units of the university system of Georgia.

Their first president, Dr. Horace Sturgis, started that college on a shoe-string on property donated by the Fry family, leading citizens of the community of Kennesaw.

From its humble beginning, Kennesaw State has grown to university status, and now has almost 19,000 full-time residential and commuter students studying medicine, studying nursing, studying business, and studying education. The academic achievements of its graduates is renowned in Georgia, and its graduate executive MBA program has been recognized in national publications as one of the finest in the country.

Dr. Horace Sturgis, its first president, was succeeded by Dr. Betty Siegel, its second president, who continues as president of this university now for more than 20 years. It is under her leadership that participation in athletics and NCAA status have helped to raise the visibility of that university, while at the same time it has remained committed to outstanding academic achievement and providing outstanding academic studies for those residents of the greater metropolitan area, and now, truly, the entire Southeast.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege and pleasure for me to present H. Res. 594, commending Kennesaw State University's NCAA men's basketball champions, and also to commend all the universities and colleges in the NCAA who produce student athletes who go on into life to act as leaders in their communities and continue the great tradition of the NCAA.

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

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this resolution and want to thank the gentleman from Georgia, congratulating Kennesaw State University for winning the NCAA Division II men's basketball national championship.

Two months ago, the Owls captured this title, culminating in a very impressive season. Kennesaw State won their last 26 games. Unbelievable. College fans and student athletes and the citizens of the State of Georgia were treated to a very exciting basketball season.

I just want to extend my congratulations from the great State of Ohio. It is obvious that the gentleman from Georgia has great passion about the influence that student athletes can have on the future of our society and on the future of the State of Georgia, and I want to rise in support.

Ms. MAJETTE. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to offer my congratulations to the Kennesaw State University Men's Basketball team on winning the 2004 NCAA Division II National Championship. This is a tremendous accomplishment and the players and coaching staff of the Kennesaw State University Men's Basketball team are to be commended.

I would like to congratulate Head Coach Tony Ingle. Under his leadership, the Owls of Kennesaw State have achieved new levels of success. Coach Ingle has been named the Division II Bulletin/Moulten Coach of the Year, the National Association of Basketball Coaches Coach of the Year, and the Naismith

Awards Georgia Co-Coach of the Year. These accolades are a testament to his knowledge and experience in the sport of basketball as well as his strength as a leader. Coach Ingle has been able to take a promising young program under his wing and guide it to new heights.

I would also like to recognize the individual Owl players for their hard work and tremendous dedication. It takes incredible endurance and grueling physical and mental trials to attain a national championship. The players of Kennesaw State have not only endured, but excelled and thereby achieved one of the highest honors in college athletics. Their dedication serves as an example of devotion, and their commitment and perseverance is to be commended here today.

As we recognize this achievement, we must not forget that while working toward these goals, these athletes are college students, equally committed to completing their studies and gaining an invaluable education at one of our great institutions of higher learning. I would also like to offer my congratulations to Kennesaw State University. A strong support network is required for athletes to achieve the level of success that these students have attained. Kennesaw State University has provided this network, which includes faculty, members of the administration and the student body, in support of the men's basketball team as they worked toward this national title.

Finally, I would like to ensure that the parents of these student athletes receive their very just accolades. The importance of a parent's role in the success of a child cannot be underestimated. Whether waking up early to shuttle children to and from practice or driving great distances to cheer their kids on from the stands, parents sacrifice much so that their kids can achieve more. Through ups, downs, success and defeat, a parent's support is often the bedrock on which a student athlete stands.

Again, I would like to congratulate the Kennesaw State University Men's Basketball Team on winning the 2004 Division II National Championship and wish them well in all of their future endeavors.

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

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. Speaker, having no further speakers, I encourage all Members to vote in favor of H. Res. 594, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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. 594.

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.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 59 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4227, MIDDLE-CLASS ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2004

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 108-477) on the resolution (H. Res. 619) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4227) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend to 2005 the alternative minimum tax relief available in 2003 and 2004 and to index such relief for inflation, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed. Votes will be taken in the following order:

House Resolution 600, by the yeas and nays;

House Concurrent Resolution 380, by the yeas and nays; and

House Resolution 599, by the yeas and nays.

The first and third electronic votes will be conducted as 15-minute votes. The second vote in this series will be a 5-minute vote.

CONGRATULATING CHARTER SCHOOLS FOR THEIR ONGOING CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDUCATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 600, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. PORTER) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 600, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 396, nays 0, answered "present" 3, not voting 34, as follows:

[Roll No. 139]

YEAS—396

Abercrombie
Aderholt
Akin
Alexander
Allen
Andrews
Baca
Bachus

Baird
Baker
Baldwin
Ballance
Ballenger
Barrett (SC)
Bartlett (MD)
Barton (TX)
Bass
Beauprez
Becerra
Bereuter
Berkley
Berman
Berry
Biggert

Bilirakis
Bishop (GA)
Bishop (NY)
Bishop (UT)
Blackburn
Blumenauer
Blunt
Boehlert
Boehner
Bonilla
Bonner
Boozman
Boswell
Boucher
Bradley (NH)
Brady (PA)
Brady (TX)
Brown (OH)
Brown (SC)
Brown-Waite,
Ginny
Burgess
Burns
Calvert
Camp
Cannon
Cantor
Capito
Capps
Capuano
Cardin
Cardoza
Carson (OK)
Carter
Case
Castle
Chandler
Chocola
Clay
Clyburn
Coble
Cole
Collins
Conyers
Cooper
Costello
Cox
Cramer
Crane
Crenshaw
Crowley
Cubin
Cummings
Cunningham
Davis (AL)
Davis (CA)
Davis (FL)
Davis (IL)
Davis (TN)
Davis, Jo Ann
Davis, Tom
Deal (GA)
DeFazio
DeGette
DeLauro
DeLay
Deutsch
Diaz-Balart, L.
Diaz-Balart, M.
Dicks
Dingell
Dooley (CA)
Doolittle
Doyle
Dreier
Duncan
Dunn
Ehlers
Emanuel
Emerson
Engel
Eshoo
Etheridge
Evans
Everett
Farr
Fattah
Feeney
Ferguson
Filner
Flake
Foley
Forbes
Ford
Fossella
Frank (MA)
Franks (AZ)
Frelinghuysen
Frost

Galleghy
Garrett (NJ)
Gerlach
Gibbons
Gilchrest
Gillmor
Gingrey
Gonzalez
Goode
Goodlatte
Gordon
Goss
Granger
Graves
Green (TX)
Green (WI)
Greenwood
Grijalva
Gutierrez
Gutknecht
Hall
Harman
Harris
Hart
Hastings (FL)
Hastings (WA)
Hayes
Hayworth
Hefley
Hensarling
Herger
Hill
Hinchey
Hinojosa
Hobson
Hoeffel
Hoekstra
Holden
Holt
Honda
Hooley (OR)
Hostettler
Houghton
Hoyer
Hunter
Hyde
Inlee
Isakson
Israel
Issa
Istook
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee
(TX)
Jefferson
Jenkins
John
Johnson (CT)
Johnson (IL)
Johnson, E. B.
Johnson, Sam
Jones (NC)
Jones (OH)
Kaptur
Keller
Kelly
Kennedy (MN)
Kennedy (RI)
Kildee
Kilpatrick
Kind
King (IA)
King (NY)
Kingston
Kirk
Kleczka
Kline
Kolbe
LaHood
Lampson
Langevin
Lantos
Larsen (WA)
Larson (CT)
Latham
LaTourette
Leach
Lee
Levin
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (GA)
Lewis (KY)
Linder
Lipinski
LoBiondo
Lofgren
Lowey
Lucas (KY)
Lucas (OK)

Lynch
Majette
Maloney
Manzullo
Markley
Marshall
Matheson
Matsui
McCarthy (MO)
McCarthy (NY)
McCollum
McCotter
McCrery
McDermott
McGovern
McHugh
McIntyre
McKeon
McNulty
Meehan
Meek (FL)
Meeks (NY)
Menendez
Mica
Michaud
Millender-
McDonald
Miller (FL)
Miller (MI)
Miller (NC)
Miller, Gary
Miller, George
Mollohan
Moore
Moran (KS)
Moran (VA)
Murphy
Myrick
Nadler
Napolitano
Neal (MA)
Neugebauer
Ney
Northup
Norwood
Nunes
Nussle
Oberstar
Obey
Olver
Ortiz
Osborne
Ose
Otter
Owens
Oxley
Pallone
Pascarelli
Pastor
Paul
Payne
Pearce
Pelosi
Pence
Peterson (MN)
Peterson (PA)
Petri
Pickering
Pitts
Pombo
Pomeroy
Porter
Price (NC)
Pryce (OH)
Putnam
Quinn
Radanovich
Rahall
Ramstad
Rangel
Regula
Rehberg
Renzi
Reyes
Rodriguez
Rogers (AL)
Rogers (KY)
Rogers (MI)
Ros-Lehtinen
Ross
Rothman
Roybal-Allard
Royce
Ruppersberger
Rush
Ryan (OH)
Ryan (WI)
Ryun (KS)
Sabo