

I guess we could go on all night on this. We have a different view. But I really believe and would hope, as we did in the child tax credit, that we could certainly pass an extension to take care of those 375,000 people who have lost their unemployment insurance over the last 3 months.

ADJOURNMENT TO FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 6, 2004

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Friday, February 6, 2004.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. RENZI). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

ADJOURNMENT FROM FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 6, 2004 TO TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 10, 2004

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Friday, February 6, 2004, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10 for morning hour debate.

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

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR
WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON
WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

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

There was no objection.

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RECOGNIZING ACCOMPLISHMENTS
OF UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN
CALIFORNIA'S FOOTBALL, WOMEN'S
VOLLEYBALL, AND MEN'S
WATER POLO TEAMS

Mr. MCKEON. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the order of the House of February 3, 2004, and as the designee of the majority leader, I call up the resolution (H. Res. 511) recognizing the accomplishments of the University of Southern California's football, women's volleyball, and men's water polo teams, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of House Resolution 511 is as follows:

H. RES. 511

Whereas the USC football team went 12-1 overall, its best record since 1978;

Whereas the USC football team won its second consecutive Pac-10 title;

Whereas five USC football players were selected as first team All-Americans;

Whereas nine USC football players were selected to the All-Pac-10 first team;

Whereas USC won the Rose Bowl, its 21st Rose Bowl victory;

Whereas USC scored at least 20 point in its last 26 games (a school record), had a stretch of 11 consecutive 30 point games (also a school mark) and 7 straight 40 point contests (a Pac-10 record), and scored 534 points during the season (also a Pac-10 record);

Whereas USC won the Associated Press national championship, its ninth national title, and first in 25 years;

Whereas USC women's volleyball team finished the season with an undefeated record of 35-0;

Whereas USC women's volleyball team won its last 47 matches, an NCAA record;

Whereas USC's women's volleyball team won its 6th national championship;

Whereas this year's USC's women's volleyball team is considered to be one of the greatest teams to have played the sport;

Whereas USC men's water polo team had a 24-3 record;

Whereas USC men's water polo team won its second-ever NCAA title;

Whereas 3 USC water polo team members were selected as first team All-Americans;

Whereas Coach Pete Carroll, USC football, Coach Mick Haley, USC women's volleyball, and Coach Jovan Vavick, USC men's water polo, each were honored as National Coach of the Year in their respective sports; and

Whereas in the span of less than 30 days, USC's football, women's volleyball, and men's water polo teams brought home national championships, the first time ever that USC won 3 national titles in the fall season: Now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives recognizes and congratulates the University of Southern California's football, women's volleyball, and men's water polo teams for their superior achievements.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. RENZI). Pursuant to the order of the House of Tuesday, February 3, 2004, the gentleman from California (Mr. MCKEON) is recognized for 1 hour.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MCKEON. 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. 511.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of House Resolution 511, which would recognize the accomplishments of the University of Southern California's football, women's volleyball, and men's water polo teams. I want to thank my colleague and friend, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATSON), for introducing this important resolution.

Mr. Speaker, Los Angeles was little more than a frontier town in 1880 when the University of Southern California first opened its doors to 53 students and 10 teachers. Then, Los Angeles still lacked paved streets, electric lights, telephones, and a reliable fire alarm system. Today, USC is located at the heart of one of the biggest metropolises in the world and is home to nearly 30,000 students and 3,800 faculty.

The central mission of the University of Southern California is the develop-

ment of human beings and society as a whole, through the cultivation and enrichment of the human mind and spirit. USC has worked to accomplish this mission through teaching, research, artistic creation, professional practice, and public service. As a result, USC has become world-renowned in the fields of communication and multimedia technologies, has received national acclaim for its innovative community, and has solidified its status as one of the Nation's leading research institutions. It is the largest private employer in the City of Los Angeles, and USC physicians serve more than 1 million patients each year.

Today, the House of Representatives is recognizing another exceptional facet of the University of Southern California, its world-class sports program.

House Resolution 511 is a resolution that recognizes the accomplishments of the University of Southern California's football, women's volleyball, and men's water polo teams.

This past year, the USC Trojans football team only lost one game, which was its best record since 1978; won its second consecutive Pac-10 title; won the Rose Bowl; and won the Associated Press national football championship, the University's ninth national football championship.

The USC women's volleyball team finished the season without a single loss, with a record of 35 victories and no defeats; won its last 47 matches, which is an NCAA record; won its sixth national championship; and is considered to be one of the greatest teams to have played the sport.

The USC men's water polo team finished the season with a record of 24 victories with only three losses and won its second NCAA national championship.

In addition, football coach Pete Carroll, women's volleyball coach Mick Haley, and water polo coach Jovan Vavick each were honored as National Coach of the Year in their respective sports.

That is why, today, the House is considering House Resolution 511, so we can congratulate the significant achievements of the University of Southern California's football, women's volleyball, and men's water polo teams. Their hard work and dedication to their respective sports is admirable and deserves to be recognized by the House of Representatives.

I congratulate the University of Southern California for their incredible victories and ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing their championship teams.

Ms. WATSON. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise in support of House Resolution 511, which recognizes the accomplishments of the University of Southern California's 2002-2003 football, women's volleyball, and men's water polo teams.

The University of Southern California is a cornerstone of California's 33rd Congressional District. This institution is a magnet for diverse

people and ideas, attracting students from all 50 States and more than 100 foreign countries. In fact, USC is ranked as one of the most diverse private research universities in the Nation. As an educator, I am inspired by USC's commitment to academic excellence. The university's dedication to the highest standards is also reflected in its sports programs, which consistently produce some of the best student-athletes in the nation.

Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the first three teams in USC's history to win championships in the same fall season. Incredibly, all three squads also feature coaches who are National Coach of the Year honorees.

The USC Trojan football team has shown unique skill, charisma, dedication and love for the sport. The Trojans accumulated a 12-1 record while competing against some of the best programs in the country. The football team secured its second consecutive Pac-10 title, won the Rose Bowl, its 21st Rose Bowl win, and was awarded the national championship by the Associated Press, its ninth national title, and first in 25 years. Five USC football players were selected as first team All-Americans and nine team members were selected to the All-Pac-10 first team. Football coach Pete Carroll also received two more national championship trophies from the Football Writers Association of America (The Grantland Rice Trophy) and The Sporting News.

The Women of Troy volleyball team capped an undefeated (35-0) season to capture its second consecutive NCAA crown, the first time in the history of USC women's volleyball, and its sixth national championship. The team also became the first repeat champion to go undefeated. Many consider this year's women's volleyball team to be one of the greatest teams to have played the game.

The USC men's water polo team, with a 24-3 record, won its second-ever NCAA title. Three of the water polo team members were selected as first team All-Americans.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate USC President Steven Sample, Athletic Director Mike Garrett, Coach Pete Carroll, USC football, Coach Mick Haley, USC women's volleyball, and Coach Jovan Vavick, USC men's water polo, for a season to remember.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to the order of the House of Tuesday, February 3, 2004, the resolution is considered read for amendment and the previous question is ordered.

The question is on the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CONGRATULATING GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY LAKERS FOOTBALL TEAM FOR WINNING 2003 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION DIVISION II FOOTBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the order of the House of February 3, 2004, and as the designee of the majority leader, I call up the resolution (H. Res. 498) congratulating the Grand Valley State University Lakers

football team for winning the 2003 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II Football National Championship, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of House Resolution 498 is as follows:

H. RES. 498

Whereas on December 13, 2003, the Grand Valley State University Lakers football team won the 2003 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II Football National Championship by defeating the University of North Dakota Fighting Sioux by a score of 10 to 3;

Whereas the 2003 Championship was the Lakers' second consecutive national title and third straight championship game appearance;

Whereas the Lakers are only the sixth team in NCAA Division II football history to win consecutive national titles;

Whereas the Lakers finished the season with a record of 14 wins and 1 loss;

Whereas the Lakers have compiled a total of 41 wins and 2 losses over the last three years;

Whereas 14 members of the Lakers football team earned All-Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference honors, 8 of whom were selected to the first team;

Whereas Lakers football team members Scott Mackey, Keyonta Marshall, David Hendrix, Michael Tennessee, and Lucius Hawkins were honored as All-Americans for the 2003 season by the Internet website D2Football.com;

Whereas the Lakers set a Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference single-season record for attendance, drawing 52,225 total fans in the 2003 season;

Whereas the Lakers won their 240th game in school history with their victory in the 2003 championship game; and

Whereas the Lakers' display of strength, ability, and perseverance this season has made the State of Michigan proud: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) congratulates the Grand Valley State University Lakers football team for winning the 2003 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II Football National Championship;

(2) recognizes the achievements of the players, coaches, and staff of the Lakers football team and invites them to the United States Capitol to be honored in an appropriate manner;

(3) requests that the President recognize the accomplishments of the Lakers football team and invite the team to the White House for a ceremony in honor of their National Championship; and

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of Tuesday, February 3, 2004, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. HOEKSTRA) is recognized for 1 hour.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HOEKSTRA. 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. 498.

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 who, on December 3, 2003, defended their NCAA Division II national football championship by defeating the University of North Dakota Fighting Sioux 10 to 3.

The 2003 national champions fought through the playoffs with a tight defense that limited its final three playoff opponents to a field goal each. The title match-up was a close, dramatic contest that pitted the 14 and 1 GVSU Lakers against the 12 and 2 Fighting Sioux. Ultimately, the Lakers emerged victorious after intercepting North Dakota in the shadow of their own end zone with 20 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter, spoiling a last-minute, come-from-behind attempt.

Grand Valley State picked up its 240th win in school history with a victory over the Fighting Sioux. Before a national audience, Grand Valley State University avenged its heartbreaking 17-14 loss to the same Fighting Sioux in the 2001 title match-up.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the students, alumni, faculty, and nearly 5,000 fans of Grand Valley State who trekked to Braly Municipal Stadium in Florence, Alabama, to cheer on their Lakers during a cold and rain-soaked afternoon.

Mr. Speaker, I will include for the RECORD the full roster of this national championship team and their coaching staff.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. EHLERS).

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 498, to honor the players, coaches, and staff of the Grand Valley State University football team, which won its second consecutive NCAA Division II national championship on December 13, 2003.

Rising to the top of one's field of endeavor, whatever that endeavor is, is an accomplishment worthy of praise in and of itself. However, repeating that accomplishment is an even more difficult achievement. When you attempt to maintain that top spot, everyone else has you in their sights. You are the focus of their efforts to wrest the trophy from your grasp. That is what makes the achievements of the 2003 Lakers football squad all the more impressive.

Coach Brian Kelly and his staff led their squad of young men through a difficult nonconference and conference schedule, then marched through the playoffs to face the University of North Dakota in the NCAA Division II championship game, a game they lost to the University of North Dakota just 2 years previously.

This time, the Lakers, led by All-American selections Scott Mackey, Keyonta Marshall, David Hendrix, Michael Tennessee and Lucius Hawkins,