

defeated the Fighting Sioux 10 to 3, to complete what arguably could be called the most successful 3-year run for a college football team in the State of Michigan. GVSU has rolled up a 41-2 record in three seasons, reaching the national championship game each year and winning the championship twice.

Congratulations to the players, the coaches and staff, the students and the faculty of Grand Valley State University. This jewel of a school, with campuses in Allendale in the district of the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. HOEKSTRA), and Grand Rapids in my district, is a wonderful institution, not only for its athletic achievements, but also for its academic pursuits. Its contributions to the West Michigan community are too many and too far-reaching to enumerate here today, but we commend University President Mark Murray and the Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees for providing stellar leadership for this wonderful public institution.

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and 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 UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE MEN'S FOOTBALL TEAM FOR WINNING NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION I-AA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. CASTLE. 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 concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 355) congratulating the University of Delaware men's football team for winning the National Collegiate Athletic Association I-AA national championship, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The text of House Concurrent Resolution 355 is as follows:

H. CON. RES. 355

Whereas on Friday, December 19, 2003, the University of Delaware Blue Hens men's football team won its sixth national title;

Whereas the University of Delaware won the championship game by defeating the Colgate University 40-0;

Whereas the Blue Hens swept through the Division I-AA playoffs, outscoring opponents by a combined score 149-23 in victories over Southern Illinois, Northern Iowa, and Wofford;

Whereas the Blue Hens captured their seventh Atlantic 10 Football Conference title, were named winners of the Lambert Cup as the top team in the East for the 18th time and were named Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Team of the Year for the 10th time;

Whereas the University of Delaware team was led by co-captains Mike Adams and Jason Nerys and All-American quarterback Andy Hall;

Whereas the roster of the University of Delaware team also included Dominic Santoli, Germaine Bennett, G.J. Crescione, Roger Brown, Antwan Jenkins, David Boler, Brian Ingram, Justin Long, Ryan McDermond, Ryan Carty, T.J. DiMuzio, Zach Thomas, Terry Kelly, Brad Michael, Dave Camburn, Joe Bleymaier, Mike Weber, Ryan Trask, Brad Shushman, Sean Bleiler, Leon Clarke, Brent Steinmetz, Ben Cross, Lawrence Jones, Jamie Rotonda, Nicos Chivis, Lonnie Starks, Drew Kisner, Kyle Campbell, Jeremy Kametz, Jeffrey Robinson, Maguell Davis, Bryan Tingle, Lou Samba, Ryan Snapp, Anthony Cinelli, Niquan Lee, John Nauss, Rashaad Woodard, John Mulhern, KeiAndre Hepburn, Kevin Pulley, Sidney Haugabrook, Dominic Madigan, Antoine McClure, Jeffrey Thompson, Blake Anderson, Mark Moore, Craig Browne, Marquez Davis, Nick Iarrobino, Mike Buchman, Mondoe Davis, Andrew Wilson, Marco Kristen, George Potts, Mike Bingnear, Mark Ciavarella, Greg Benson, Brett Wharton, Brendon Morfe, Rich Beverley, Tom Parks, Chris Edwards, Scott Conley, Chris Korkuch, Trip DelCampo, Brian Sims, Jared Wray, Paul Thompson, Bobby Delacy, Joe Cordrey, Jesse O'Neill, Brian Jennings, Vince Mumford, Michael Taylor, Steve Selk, Rick Lavelle, Richard Washington, Nat Bell, Chris Mooney, Shawn Johnson, Bubba Jespersen, Sean Sweeney, and Randall James;

Whereas second-year head coach K.C. Keeler enjoyed one of the most outstanding seasons in college football by setting a school record for wins in a season with a mark of 15-1;

Whereas Coach Keeler and his coaching staff, including Kirk Ciarrocca, Dave Cohen, Bryan Bossard, Kyle Flood, Paul Williams, Rob Neviasser, Rick Brown, Brian Ginn, Craig Cummings, Frank Law, Brandon Walker, Mike Marks, Russell Barbarino, Dr. Vincent Disabella, Keith Handling, Joan Couch, deserve much credit for the outstanding determination and accomplishments of their young team;

Whereas fans across the State of Delaware have supported the team over the course of the season and more than 6000 Delawareans traveled to Tennessee to watch the championship game;

Whereas the Blue Hen football program encompasses all the facets of university life, including growth of character, academic involvement, campus involvement, and graduation; and

Whereas the students, alumni, faculty, and supporters of the University of Delaware are to be congratulated for their commitment and pride in their national champion men's football team: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the Congress—

(1) congratulates the University of Delaware men's football team for winning the 2003 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I-AA football national championship;

(2) recognizes the achievements of all the team's players, coaches, and support staff;

(3) directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make available enrolled copies of this resolution to the University of Delaware for appropriate display and to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to each coach and member of the 2003 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I-AA men's football national championship team.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of Tues-

day, February 3, 2004, the gentleman from Delaware (Mr. CASTLE) is recognized for 1 hour.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H. Con. Res. 355.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to some very impressive Delaware athletes, the University of Delaware Fighting Blue Hens football team, which on December 19, 2003, beat Colgate University to win the NCAA Division I-AA national championship at Max Finley Stadium in Chattanooga, Tennessee. As I was there, I can tell you it was about 28 degrees and blowing and snowing during the entire game.

This was the first national championship for the University of Delaware since 1979 and its very first in Division I-AA.

Throughout the season, the Blue Hen team impressed, inspired, and awed Delawareans by their dedication, hard work, and immense talent. In my opinion, this was a perfect ending to an absolutely stellar season, led by head coach K.C. Keller and his fine group of athletes. Each and every person who contributed to this win deserves to be recognized, obviously the coaching staff led by Coach Keller and all the others for their leadership and encouragement of these athletes. And, of course, the players who worked so very hard as a team, inspiring each other to reach the goal they set for themselves.

There are so many really great players on the team, so many great coaches, and the same is true of this whole division of I-AA football, and particularly the University of Delaware football team. I know all Delawareans join me, because I know all Delawareans follow this football team and join me in congratulating them on what they have done.

The families and friends, who come from as far as California and other places in the country to follow the team, also deserve a tremendous amount of credit. As one who attended practically every home game, the Navy game, when they beat Navy, and a few other games even away, I will tell you that it was a wonderful season of great significance to the people of my small State and to the wonderful University of Delaware.

And they won by big scores, Mr. Speaker. It almost looks like a dynasty in the making, by much bigger scores than anything else we have seen in the course of this year. For that reason, we have great hopes for next year and into the future for this great heartwarming experience of the University of Delaware Fighting Blue Hens football team.

Mr. Speaker, I urge swift passage of H. Con. Res. 355.

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

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

The question is on the concurrent resolution.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

COMMENDING WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY DEMON DEACONS FIELD HOCKEY TEAM FOR WINNING 2003 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION DIVISION I FIELD HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. BURR. 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. 497) commending the Wake Forest University Demon Deacons field hockey team for winning the 2003 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Field Hockey Championship, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of House Resolution 497 is as follows:

H. RES. 497

Whereas on November 23, 2003, the Wake Forest University Demon Deacons field hockey team won the 2003 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Field Hockey Championship, the second consecutive National Championship for the Wake Forest University field hockey team;

Whereas the Demon Deacons defeated the Duke University Blue Devils by a score of 3 to 1 in the 2003 Championship match in Amherst, Massachusetts;

Whereas the Demon Deacons defeated the Pennsylvania State University Nittany Lions by a score of 2 to 0 in the 2002 NCAA Championship match in Louisville, Kentucky;

Whereas the Demon Deacons are only the third team in NCAA Division I Field Hockey history to win back-to-back National Championships;

Whereas the Demon Deacons began and ended the year as the number one ranked college field hockey team in the Nation;

Whereas the Demon Deacons finished the season with a record of 22 wins and 1 loss, outscoring their opponents 96 to 13 and winning 95 percent of their games, achieving the best record in the Nation and in Wake Forest University history;

Whereas the field hockey team is the only team in the history of Wake Forest University athletics to win the Atlantic Coast Conference regular season and tournament championships and the NCAA Championship in the same year, accomplishing the feat in both the 2001-02 and 2002-03 seasons;

Whereas Wake Forest University field hockey team members Kelly Dostal, Kelly Doton, Katie Ridd, and Lucy Shaw were honored as All-Americans for the 2002-03 season by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association;

Whereas the Wake Forest University field hockey team had more members honored as All-Americans than any other collegiate field hockey team in the Nation;

Whereas Head Coach Jennifer Averill was named the Field Hockey Coach of the Year for 2002 and 2003 by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association;

Whereas the Wake Forest University field hockey team has displayed outstanding dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the season in achieving collegiate field hockey's highest honor; and

Whereas the Demon Deacons have brought pride and honor to the Wake Forest University community and to the State of North Carolina: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) commends the Wake Forest University Demon Deacons field hockey team for winning the 2003 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Field Hockey Championship;

(2) recognizes the achievements of all the field hockey team's players, coaches, and staff and invites them to the United States Capitol to be honored in an appropriate manner;

(3) requests that the President recognize the field hockey team's accomplishments 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 make available a copy of this resolution to Wake Forest University for appropriate display.

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

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BURR. 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. 497.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, as a proud alumni and as a former athlete of Wake Forest University, it is my privilege to bring before this House this resolution.

On November 23, 2003, the Wake Forest University field hockey team won the NCAA Division I-A field hockey championship by a score of 3 to 1 over the Duke Blue Devils. Having also won the 2002 championship, the Lady Deacons became only the third school in Division I history to have won back-to-back championships.

The team was led by 2002 and 2003 Coach of the Year, Jennifer Averill, and 2003 All-Americans Kelly Dostal, Kelly Doton, Katie Ridd, and Lucy Shaw.

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The Deacons started and finished the season ranked number one by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association. They outscored their opponents 96 to 13, and they finished the year with a record of 22 and 1. The seniors finished their careers with an overall 88 and 12

record, 2 NCAA championships, 4 final-4 appearances, and 2 ACC championships. The team won the 2003 ACC regular season, ACC tournament, and the NCAA tournament, only the second time any athletic team at Wake Forest has achieved such an accomplishment. The only other team in school history that shares its distinction with last year's field hockey team was in fact the famous golf team of Jay Haas, Curtis Strange, and Lanny Wadkins who won back-to-back NCAA championships for Wake Forest.

Mr. Speaker, this resolution is but one of many awards and accolades these young ladies will receive this year. As true student athletes, though, they will all receive the most valuable award after completing their studies: a degree from one of the most prestigious and respected universities in the country.

I want to also congratulate the athletic director, Ron Wellman, and the school president, Tom Hearn, and the entire Wake Forest community and wish the field hockey team the best of luck as they seek their third consecutive title next fall.

Mr. Speaker, before I relinquish my time, since we will in a few minutes acknowledge the great success of the New England Patriots and their victory in the Super Bowl, let me take this opportunity to say as a football fan and as a Carolina Panthers fan that I congratulate the Patriots, and I also think that for football fans across this country, regardless of their allegiance, it was one of, if not the best, Super Bowls in history.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. BURR. I yield to the gentleman from Massachusetts.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding. As the Member who has the honor of representing the district in which the Patriots play their home games, I very much appreciate, as I know the team does, the graciousness of the gentleman's remarks.

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, western Massachusetts has long been known to all in the sport of field hockey as a place to look for the rising stars of the game. Wake Forest University was lucky to get two of our best, Kelly Doton of Greenfield and Kelly Dostal of Hatfield.

I have no doubt that the successes both Kelly Doton and Kelly Dostal accomplished at Greenfield High School and Smith Academy paved their way for winning the NCAA Division I Field Hockey Championship. Their contributions to the Wake Forest team earned them both All-American honors.

In December, the United States National Field Hockey Association named Kelly Doton National Player of the Year. This award came after an exceptional career at Wake Forest that included being named to the NCAA All-Tournament team four consecutive years and receiving the ACC Player of the Year award for 2002 and 2003.

Kelly Dostal has enjoyed similar success at Wake Forest. The Hatfield, MA, native was the