

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. OLIVER. 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

country's leading field hockey scorer this past season. Kelly is also the youngest player to have ever been named to the U.S. National Team. There is no doubt that Kelly will continue her long list of accomplishments in her last season this fall.

I extend my congratulations to both Kelly Doton and Kelly Dostal for their individual and team accomplishments. Greenfield, Hatfield, and all of the First District of Massachusetts are proud of their accomplishments.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. RENZI). Pursuant to the order of the House of Tuesday, February 3, 2004, the resolution is considered as 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 ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY ON WINNING THE 2003 NCAA DIVISION III FOOTBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota. 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. 493) congratulating the St. John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota, football team on winning the 2003 NCAA Division III Football National Championship, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of House Resolution 493 is as follows:

H. RES. 493

Whereas St. John's University defeated Mount Union College of Alliance, Ohio, by a score of 24-6 in the 2003 Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl on Saturday, December 20, 2003;

Whereas St. John's finished the season 14-0 and is the winningest football program all-time in Division III at 508-213-24 in their 93 seasons;

Whereas this is St. John's first national championship since 1976 and fourth in school history;

Whereas this football championship capped a season in which St. John's Coach John Gagliardi became the all-time winningest football coach in NCAA history;

Whereas Blake Elliott, St. John's senior wide receiver, was the recipient of the 2003 Gagliardi trophy as the outstanding Division III college football player;

Whereas the St. John's University Johnnies snapped Mount Union's NCAA-record 55-game winning streak in the championship game; and

Whereas three chartered planes full of loyal St. John's fans were among the 5,073 people who watched the Stagg Bowl in the freezing cold of Salem, Virginia, and many more watched the nationally televised game: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the United States House of Representatives congratulates the St. John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota, football team on winning the 2003 NCAA Division III Football National Championship.

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

day, February 3 of 2004, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. KENNEDY) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the St. John's University football team from Collegeville, Minnesota on their NCAA Division III National Championship.

The Johnnies were underdogs in the championship game against Mount Union College of Alliance, Ohio on December 20, 2003, because Mount Union entered the game with an NCAA record, a 55-game winning streak, and had won 109 of their 110 previous games.

But as senior wide receiver Blake Elliott, winner of the Gagliardi Trophy said, all it took was 52 guys believing, and believe they did, and so did the other players, students, professors, monks, alums like myself and my family, and proud parents in Minnesota scattered throughout the country and on that frigid field in Virginia.

The Johnnies put on quite a show for the fans of all ages. For the 3 chartered planes full of St. John's faithful who braved the Minnesota-like weather on the East Coast and the many more watching on nationally televised TV, St. John's put on a great game. They finished a perfect 14 and 0 season with a 24-6 victory in the 2003 Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl, the Division III championship game. This team victory capped off a season that also saw Coach John Gagliardi become the all-time winningest football coach in NCAA history, earning him a trip to the White House. This is St. John's fourth national championship in school history, and highlights the tradition that has brought national attention to St. John's and its partner school, the College of St. Benedict in west central Minnesota. They are both exceptional liberal arts schools with a proud Catholic Benedictine tradition.

I am proud to have been able to have followed closely each of the last two St. John's championship seasons. I was a student for the most recent championship in 1976 and now am proud to represent St. John's in my congressional district. As an alum and a fan of St. John's football, I try to make as many games as possible. The alums, professors, monks, local fans, and students alike watched the Johnnies play football in the recently renovated Clemens Stadium, set in a beautiful natural bowl that seats about 5,000 fans; although many more attend the games, like the 13,000 fans that attended the game against Bethel College to break the all-time coach and win record, as anybody who comes to the stadium can get in.

The St. John's tradition is woven into these games, which can become more of a reunion than a mere football game, where fathers and grandfathers who played for St. John's come to watch their sons and grandsons play.

Before the game begins, the St. John's men's chorus sings the National Anthem and the Johnny Fight Song, and all former men's chorus singers, including me, get a chance to come down and join in. Every player that goes out for the football team dresses for home games and the sidelines are filled with over 150 players. John Gagliardi joked to me that St. John's is the only team that gets penalties for having 2 players with the same number on the field at the same time, because John plays everyone he can.

But the tradition at St. John's goes well beyond the football team. It extends to the classrooms and to the monastery. Players are expected to be student athletes and many of them go on to success in a wide variety of their chosen careers. In fact, during John's 51 years coaching at St. John's, no player has failed to graduate, and most do so in 4 years.

Student life at St. John's is intertwined with the monastery life, as many of the resident directors and the professors are monks living at the on-campus monastery. Monks attend the games and are said to, on more than one occasion, tell the coaching staff that if the players just get the ball close enough, they will pray it in. This partnership shows the camaraderie, team spirit, and drive that leads to the success that is alive and the students that play football for St. John's year after year, and it is one we celebrate here today.

Therefore, I once again congratulate the players, coaches, parents, and all of those associated with St. John's on the team's national championship and encourage the House to pass this resolution.

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 resolution is considered as 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 THE NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS FOR WINNING SUPER BOWL XXXVIII

Mr. BRADLEY of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the unanimous consent request of February 3, 2004, I call up the Resolution (H. Res. 512) congratulating the New England Patriots for winning Super Bowl XXXVIII, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of House Resolution 512 is as follows:

H. RES. 512

Whereas, on February 1, 2004, at Reliant Stadium in Houston, Texas, the New England Patriots defeated the Carolina Panthers 32-29 in Super Bowl XXXVIII;