

team (referred to in this preamble as the “Badgers cross country team”) won the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Cross Country Championship in Terre Haute, Indiana, by placing first ahead of—

- (1) the University of Arkansas; and
- (2) Notre Dame University;

Whereas the Badgers cross country team secured its victory through the strong performances of its members, including—

- (1) Simon Bairu, who won his second consecutive individual national championship with a time of 29:15.9;
- (2) Chris Solinsky, who finished third in the championship race with a time of 29:27.8;
- (3) Matt Withrow, who finished ninth in the race with a time of 29:50.7;
- (4) Antony Ford, who finished 14th with a time of 29:55.2;
- (5) Stuart Eagon, who finished 17th with a time of 30:05.3;
- (6) Tim Nelson, who finished 18th with a time of 30:06.4; and
- (7) Christian Wagner, who finished 58th with a time of 30:35.7;

Whereas the success of the season depended on the hard work, dedication, and performance of every player on the Badgers cross country team, including—

- (1) Simon Bairu;
- (2) Brandon Bethke;
- (3) Bryan Culver;
- (4) Stuart Eagon;
- (5) Antony Ford;
- (6) Ryan Gasper;
- (7) Ben Gregory;
- (8) Bobby Lockhart;
- (9) Tim Nelson;
- (10) Teddy O'Reilly;
- (11) Tim Pierie;
- (12) Joe Pierre;
- (13) Ben Porter;
- (14) Codie See;
- (15) Chris Solinsky;
- (16) Christian Wagner; and
- (17) Matt Withrow;

Whereas, on October, 30, 2005, the Badgers cross country team won its seventh straight Big Ten championship with a record-setting score and margin of victory by sweeping the top four positions and eight of the top ten positions;

Whereas numerous members of the Badgers cross country team were recognized for their performance in the Big Ten Conference, including—

- (1) Simon Bairu, who was named the Big Ten Men's Cross Country Athlete of the Year and won the Big Ten Conference individual title;
- (2) Matt Withrow, who was named the Big Ten Men's Cross Country Freshman of the Year after finishing third in the conference meet; and

(3) Head Coach Jerry Schumacher, who was named the Big Ten Men's Cross Country Coach of the Year for the fifth consecutive year; and

Whereas Simon Bairu, Chris Solinsky, Matt Withrow, Antony Ford, Stuart Eagon, and Tim Nelson earned All-American honors: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the University of Wisconsin men's cross country team, Head Coach Jerry Schumacher and his coaching staff, Athletic Director Barry Alvarez, and Chancellor John D. Wiley for an outstanding championship season; and

(2) respectfully requests the Clerk of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM

The resolution (S. Res. 429) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 429

Whereas on March 26, 2006, the University of Wisconsin Badgers won the women's Frozen Four in Minneapolis, Minnesota, with a victory over the 2-time defending champion University of Minnesota Golden Gophers by 3 to 0 in the championship game after having defeated St. Lawrence University by 1 to 0 in the semifinals;

Whereas Jinelle Zaugg of Eagle River, Wisconsin, scored 2 goals, Grace Hutchison of Winnetka, Illinois, scored a goal, and Jessie Vetter of Cottage Grove, Wisconsin, had 31 saves in the championship game, and recorded the first shut-out in the history of the women's Frozen Four championship games;

Whereas every player on the University of Wisconsin women's hockey team (Sara Bauer, Rachel Bible, Nikki Burish, Sharon Cole, Vicki Davis, Christine Dufour, Kayla Hagen, Tia Hanson, Meghan Horras, Grace Hutchins, Cyndy Kenyon, Angie Keseley, Heidi Kletzien, Erika Lawler, Alycia Matthews, Meghan Mikkelsen, Phoebe Monteleone, Emily Morris, Mikka Nordby, Bobbi-Jo Slusar, Jessie Vetter, Kristen Witting, and Jinelle Zaugg) contributed to the success of this team;

Whereas Sara Bauer and Bobbi-Jo Slusar were named to the All-Western Collegiate Hockey Association (known as “WCHA”) First Team, Sharon Cole, Meghan Mikkelsen, and Meghan Horras were named to the All-WCHA Second Team, Bobbi-Jo Slusar was named the WCHA Defensive Player of the Year, and Sara Bauer was named the WCHA Player of the Year;

Whereas Coach Mark Johnson, who won a National Collegiate Athletic Association National (known as “NCAA”) championship as a member of the University of Wisconsin men's 1977 championship team, was a star on the 1980 United States Olympic hockey team, which produced what is known as the “Miracle on Ice”, and is one of the few people who have won a national championship as both a player and coach, and was named the WCHA Coach of the Year;

Whereas Sara Bauer and Bobbi-Jo Slusar were named first team All-Americans, and Sara Bauer won the Patty Kazmaier Award, as the Nation's top player;

Whereas Jessie Vetter won the 2006 NCAA Tournament's Most Outstanding Player award and was joined on the All-Tournament Team by Jinelle Zaugg and Bobbi-Jo Slusar;

Whereas the victory in the women's Frozen Four is the University of Wisconsin's first varsity women's hockey national championship, and the university's first women's team national championship since 1984; and

Whereas this victory ended a terrific season in which the University of Wisconsin women's hockey team outscored their opponents 155-51 and had a record of 34-4-1: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the University of Wisconsin women's hockey team, the coaching staff, including Head Coach Mark Johnson, Athletic Director Barry Alvarez, and Chancellor John D. Wiley on an outstanding championship season; and

(2) respectfully requests the Clerk of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

The resolution (S. Res. 430) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 430

Whereas on Monday, April 3, 2006, the University of Florida men's basketball team (referred to in this preamble as the “Florida Gators”) defeated the men's basketball team of the University of California, Los Angeles, by a score of 73-57, to win the 2006 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Basketball Championship;

Whereas that historic victory by the Florida Gators was a product of—

- (1) an almost flawless and unselfish team performance; and
- (2) individual player excellence and versatility from members of the Florida Gators;

Whereas that victory marked the first national basketball championship victory for the University of Florida, and occurred 10 years after the school won the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Championship;

Whereas the head coach of the Florida Gators, Billy Donovan, became the second youngest coach to win the national championship, after leading the Florida Gators to a school-best, 33-6 record;

Whereas University of Florida sophomore Joakim Noah was chosen as the most outstanding player of the Final Four;

Whereas each player, coach, trainer, and manager dedicated his or her time and effort to ensuring that the Florida Gators reached the pinnacle of team achievement; and

Whereas the families of the players, students, alumni, and faculty of the University of Florida, and all of the supporters of the University of Florida, are to be congratulated for their commitment to, and pride in, the basketball program at the University of Florida; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends the University of Florida men's basketball team for winning the 2006 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Basketball Championship;

(2) recognizes the achievements of all of the players, coaches, and support staff who were instrumental in helping the University of Florida men's basketball team win the 2006 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Basketball Championship, and invites those individuals to the United States Capitol Building to be honored; and

(4) respectfully requests the Enrolling Clerk of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to—

(A) the University of Florida for appropriate display; and

(B) the coach of the University of Florida men's basketball team, Billy Donovan.

ENDANGERED SPECIES DAY

The resolution (S. Res. 431) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 431

Whereas in the United States and around the world, more than 1,000 species are officially designated as at risk of extinction and thousands more also face a heightened risk of extinction;

Whereas the actual and potential benefits derived from many species have not yet been fully discovered and would be permanently lost if not for conservation efforts;

Whereas recovery efforts for species such as the whooping crane, Kirtland's warbler, the peregrine falcon, the gray wolf, the gray

whale, the grizzly bear, and others have resulted in great improvements in the viability of such species;

Whereas saving a species requires a combination of sound research, careful coordination, and intensive management of conservation efforts, along with increased public awareness and education;

Whereas two-thirds of endangered or threatened species reside on private lands;

Whereas voluntary cooperative conservation programs have proven to be critical for habitat restoration and species recovery; and

Whereas education and increasing public awareness are the first steps in effectively informing the public about endangered species and species restoration efforts: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates May 11, 2006, as “Endangered Species Day”; and

(2) encourages—

(A) educational entities to spend at least 30 minutes on Endangered Species Day teaching and informing students about threats to, and the restoration of, endangered species around the world, including the essential role of private landowners and private stewardship to the protection and recovery of species;

(B) organizations, businesses, private landowners, and agencies with a shared interest in conserving endangered species to collaborate on educational information for use in schools; and

(C) the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL AUTHORIZATION

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, this resolution concerns a request for testimony, through written affidavit, and representation in an attorney fee dispute proceeding pending before a State bar arbitration committee in Nevada. The distinguished Democratic Leader, Senator REID, has been asked to provide an affidavit in this proceeding. Senator REID believes that he has relevant first-hand knowledge, acquired in his capacity as a Senator, and would like to cooperate with this request.

Accordingly, this resolution would authorize Senator REID to provide an affidavit in this matter with representation by the Senate Legal Counsel.

The resolution (S. Res. 432) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 432

Whereas, in *E.M. Gunderson v. Neil G. Galatz*, File No. 04-106, pending before the Fee Dispute Arbitration Committee of the State Bar of Nevada, the petitioner has requested an affidavit from Senator Harry Reid;

Whereas, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 704(a)(2) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C. §§288b(a) and 288c(a)(2), the Senate may direct its counsel to represent Members of the Senate with respect to any subpoena, order, or request for testimony relating to their official responsibilities;

Whereas, by the privileges of the Senate of the United States and Rule XI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may, by the judicial or administrative process, be taken from such control or possession but by permission of the Senate;

Whereas, by Rule VI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no Senator shall absent himself from the service of the Senate without leave;

Whereas, when it appears that evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may promote the administration of justice, the Senate will take such action as will promote the ends of justice consistent with the privileges of the Senate: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Senator Harry Reid is authorized to testify in the case of *E.M. Gunderson v. Neil G. Galatz*, except when his attendance at the Senate is necessary for the performance of his legislative duties and except concerning matters for which a privilege should be asserted.

SEC. 2. The Senate Legal Counsel is authorized to represent Senator Harry Reid in connection with the testimony authorized in section one of this resolution.

HONORING THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, today I introduced this resolution, S. Res. 433, honoring the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals on the 140th Anniversary of their founding.

The dedicated employees and volunteers of the ASPCA have provided shelter, medical care, and placement for abandoned and abused animals for more than a century.

The ASPCA is the oldest animal welfare organization in North America. Henry Bergh began the organization in 1866 as a platform to prevent the cruel beating of carriage horses in New York City. Today, the ASPCA is a national organization that provides services to millions of people and their animals. The success of the organization has made the term ASPCA synonymous with “animal rescue,” “animal shelter,” “animal adoptions” and “humane education.”

For over 25 years, my home State of Illinois has hosted the ASPCA’s Animal Poison Control Center. The Center is staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year by numerous veterinarians and toxicologists who provide a unique and valuable service to pet owners and veterinarians. Each year, tens of thousands of animal lovers concerned about the health of their pets contact the Animal Poison Control Center seeking assistance on how to relieve their poisoned animals’ pain and suffering. I am proud to have the Animal Poison Control Center located in the State of Illinois.

I ask my colleagues in the Senate to join me in congratulating the staff, directors and volunteers of the ASPCA on a successful 140 years of service.

The resolution (S. Res. 433) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 433

Whereas April 10, 2006, marks the 140th anniversary of the founding of The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Ani-

mals (referred to in this preamble as “ASPCA”);

Whereas ASPCA has provided services to millions of citizens of the United States and their animals since Henry Bergh established the society in New York City in 1866;

Whereas ASPCA was the first humane society established in the western hemisphere;

Whereas ASPCA teaches children the character-building virtues of compassion, kindness, and respect for all of God’s creatures;

Whereas the dedicated directors, staff, and volunteers of ASPCA have provided shelter, medical care, behavioral counseling, and placement for abandoned, abused, or homeless animals in the United States for more than a century; and

Whereas ASPCA, through its observance of April as “Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month”, its Animal Poison Control Center, and its promotion of humane animal treatment through programs dedicated to law enforcement, education, shelter outreach, legislative affairs, counseling, veterinary services, and behavioral training, has provided invaluable services to the citizens of the United States and their animals: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) honors The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for its 140 years of service to the citizens of the United States and their animals; and

(2) respectfully requests the Secretary of the Senate to transmit a copy of this resolution to the president of The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

NATIONAL DAY OF THE AMERICAN COWBOY

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration and the Senate proceed to S. Res. 371.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 371) designating July 22, 2006, as “National Day of the American Cowboy.”

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 371) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 371

Whereas pioneering men and women, recognized as cowboys, helped establish the American West;

Whereas that cowboy spirit continues to infuse this country with its solid character, sound family values, and good common sense;

Whereas the cowboy embodies honesty, integrity, courage, compassion, respect, a strong work ethic, and patriotism;

Whereas the cowboy loves, lives off of, and depends on the land and its creatures, and is an excellent steward, protecting and enhancing the environment;