

2006 Roster—Continued
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No.	Name	Ht/Wt	Pos	Yr	Exp	Hometown (last school).
44	Byron Miles	6-0/225	LB	JR	TR	Chicago, IL (Joliet J.C.).
40	David Misiewicz	6-0/185	DB	JR	SQ	Sarasota, FL (Cardinal Mooney).
1	Terry Mitchell	6-2/210	WR	SR	1L	Port Huron, MI (Harper J.C.).
19	Jaqueon Morrison	5-11/185	WR	JR	TR	Carson, CA (L.A. Harbor College).
49	Mike Mukuna	6-2/210	LB	FR	FR	Haslett, MI.
39	Frank Mulder	6-0/180	DB	FR	RS	Lowell, MI.
38	Jordan Munson	6-4/225	LB	FR	RS	Petoskey, MI (Petoskey).
60	Doug Neumeyer	6-3/255	OL	FR	RS	Sanduskey, MI.
22	Courtney Partee	5-9/170	CB	FR	RS	Ada, MI (East Grand Rapids).
46	Denny Pittman	6-1/190	DB	FR	FR	Walker, MI (West Catholic).
45	Justin Pollock	6-2/240	DL	FR	SQ	Kentwood, MI (East Kentwood).
	Danny Richard	6-3/220	DL	FR	FR	West Bloomfield, MI.
26	Chad Richardson	6-1/189	WR	SO	TR	Charlotte, MI.
	Sean Roland	5-11/195	DB	SR	3L	Detroit, MI (University of Detroit Jesuit).
	Matt Russell	5-10/188	RB	FR	FR	Naperville, IL (Aurora Christian).
12	Brandon Ryan	5-8/192	DB	JR	2L	Grand Blanc, MI.
18	Mike Scherpenberg	6-4/180	QB	FR	FR	Cincinnati, OH (Indian Hill).
41	Felix Sharpe	5-10/172	WR	FR	RS	Kalamazoo, MI (Central).
33	Dan Skuta	6-3/240	DE	SO	1L	Flint, MI (Carman-Ainsworth).
27	Blake Smolen	6-0/198	WR	FR	RS	Grosse Ile, MI.
15	Chad Somerville	6-2/204	QB	FR	RS	Mason, MI.
14	Derek Stansbery	6-0/201	DB	JR	TR	Battle Creek, MI. (Harper Creek).
72	Brett Stengele	6-5/265	OL	FR	FR	Cresthill, IL (Joliet Catholic).
68	Sean Stevens	6-4/260	OL	JR	2L	Grand Ledge, MI (Grand Ledge).
	Alex Szarenski	6-2/257	DL	FR	RS	Southfield, MI (Brother Rice).
73	Joey Teague	6-2/270	OL	FR	FR	Fairfield, OH.
	Bryan Thomas	6-0/265	DL	FR	RS	South Lyon, MI.
	Tony Thompson	5-10/170	DB	FR	FR	Traverse City, MI. (West).
63	Jacob Topp	6-3/272	OL	SO	1L	Strongsville, OH (Eastern Michigan).
96	Lance Travis	6-2/237	DE	FR	RS	Sebewaning, MI. (Unionville-Sebewaning).
85	Antione Trent	6-2/198	WR	JR	2L	Grand Rapids, MI. (Ottawa Hills).
48	Justin Trumble	6-2/190	P/K	FR	RS	Grosse Pointe, MI. (Dakota).
91	Justin Ulberg	6-3/250	DL	JR	2L	Allendale, MI.
	Justin Victor	6-1/200	LB	FR	FR	Allen Park, MI.
89	Matt Wade	5-10/160	WR	FR	RS	Grand Haven, MI.
	John Wasmund	6-1/210	K	FR	FR	Westerville, OH (North).
74	Collin Williams	6-4/250	OL	FR	FR	Howell, MI.
98	Justin Winsor	6-4/245	OL	FR	FR	Middleton, MI (Fulton-Middleton).
78	Joe Wohlscheid	6-7/305	OL	JR	1L	Grand Ledge, MI.
50	James Wojciechowski	6-0/214	LB	FR	RS	Southfield, MI. (Brother Rice).

COACHES

Chuck Martin—head coach.
Steve Brockelbank—assistant head coach/
OL/rec. coordinator.
Matt Pawlowski—defensive coordinator/defensive backs.
Todd Kolster—offensive coordinator/quarterbacks.
Matt Mitchell—linebackers/strength & conditioning.
William Pascol—running backs.
Jim Schaak—kickers/tight/ends.
Matt Yoches—defensive line.
Dan Podrocy—graduate assistant.
Adam McClain—graduate assistant.
David Sartin—graduate assistant.
Dan Price—video coordinator.

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 62, a resolution congratulating the Grand Valley State University Lakers for winning the 2006 NCAA Division II Football National Championship.

Head Coach Chuck Martin and his team have helped to bring national reknown to GVSU's campuses in Allendale, Grand Rapids and throughout West Michigan with their excellence on the field. Over the past five years, the Lakers have won four National Championships in their division, a feat that has been duplicated at no other level of college football in the same time span.

The senior class of this team compiled a four-year record of 52-4, making them the winningest senior class of football players in NCAA history. Led by quarterback Cullin Finnerty, Eric Fowler and Mike McFadden—each of them named first-team Little All-America players by the Associated Press—the Lakers dominated their competition to an undefeated 15-0 season, culminating in a 17-14 championship victory over the Northwest Missouri State University Bearcats on December 16, 2006, in Florence, Alabama.

The game was witnessed by 7,000 fans in the stadium and by a worldwide audience including our soldiers in Iraq and elsewhere, who watched the game on the Armed Forces

TV Network. One GVSU official, my former press secretary, Chris Barbee, reported hearing from two soldiers in Iraq congratulating the team on its victory.

The Laker football team is emblematic of Grand Valley State University as a whole—a thriving, bustling university in West Michigan with more than 23,000 students and nearly 2,000 faculty and staff. The university, led by its new president Thomas J. Haas, is striving for excellence at all levels academic and athletic alike.

Congratulations again to Grand Valley State University, Coach Martin and his staff, and all the players, support staff and fans who made this championship a reality.

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, today we will be considering H. Res. 62, a resolution congratulating the Grand Valley State University Lakers for winning the 2006 NCAA Division II Football National Championship. And although I will be supporting this resolution out of respect for my friend and colleague, Congressman PETER HOEKSTRA, I would like to take a moment to recognize the Northwest Missouri State University Bearcats.

This is the second consecutive year Northwest Missouri State University has made a run for the championship. Unfortunately, the football Gods were not kind to them at the championship game this year. However, the Northwest Missouri State University Bearcats are an exceptional football team with great team spirit.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing the Northwest Missouri State University Bearcats football team for an outstanding 2006 season, and I look forward to cheering them on to the NCAA Division II Football Championship again next year.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by

the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCOTT) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 62.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those voting have responded in the affirmative.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATION OF PROGRAMS UNDER SMALL BUSINESS ACT AND SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT ACT OF 1958

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 434) to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through December 31, 2007, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 434

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. ADDITIONAL TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATION OF PROGRAMS UNDER THE SMALL BUSINESS ACT AND THE SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT ACT OF 1958.

The authorization for any program, authority, or provision, including any pilot program, that was extended through February 2, 2007, by section 1 of Public Law 109–

316 is further extended through December 31, 2007, under the same terms and conditions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. VELÁZQUEZ) and the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. CHABOT) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from New York.

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

Mr. Speaker, the legislation being offered today will extend the authorization of the Small Business Administration and its programs. This short-term extension will ensure that small businesses have many of the tools that they need to be successful in today's economy. As the current authorization is set to expire in February, it will ensure that programs can operate through the end of the calendar year while Congress considers legislative changes.

The 109th Congress adjourned without making the necessary changes to get the SBA and its programs running efficiently and effectively. Clearly, a lot of work needs to be done to ensure that the Small Business Administration can adequately respond to the needs of small businesses. Today we have an opportunity to give Congress time to review, evaluate and, if need be, modernize the Small Business Administration programs.

I want to commend Congressman CHABOT, the Small Business Committee's new ranking member, for recognizing these issues and working with me to expedite them.

For many entrepreneurs across the country, SBA programs are the difference between success and failure. Our Nation's 24 million small businesses often rely on these programs for affordable financing and entrepreneurial training, as well as assistance in accessing the Federal marketplace. Given the importance and the significant impact that SBA has on our Nation's entrepreneurs, it is our duty to thoroughly review and assess the SBA and its programs. This is especially true in light of the fact that there have been no major changes in over 6 years. We need to make sure that SBA is able to meet the needs of small businesses in the 21st century economy.

The administration asks for this extension, recognizing the time needed to evaluate the structure, programs and possible modifications that need to be made agency-wide.

The short-term extension that H.R. 434 provides would allow us to hold hearings on various topics and examine each of the issues brought forth by the SBA. Most importantly, it will give us the opportunity to draft a bipartisan bill that has each Member's input. Small businesses, the Nation's largest job creator, deserve nothing less than our full commitment to ensuring that they can be successful.

I urge Members to support H.R. 434, to ensure that this Nation's entre-

preneurs have access to all of the resources they need to grow and expand their businesses.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, this bill simply extends all the programs, including pilot programs, the authorities or provisions of the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act as they are presently constituted until the end of this year. Currently, the programs and authorities of the Small Business Administration expire on February 2. Passage of this bill will give the committee the time necessary to work in a bipartisan manner on a more comprehensive Small Business Administration reauthorization bill during the rest of this session.

I am pleased to enclose for the RECORD a letter dated January 8, 2007, from the administrator of the SBA, Steven Preston, endorsing a longer-term extension of the authorities of the SBA.

U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR,

Washington, DC.

Hon. STEVE CHABOT,
Ranking Member, Committee on Small Business,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN CHABOT: I am writing to you regarding the authorization of the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) programs for fiscal year 2007. As you know, those programs were temporarily extended by Public Law 109-316. That authorization is due to expire on February 2, 2007. While SBA's major loan programs will still function without that express authorization several other important authorizations will expire. These include SBA's co-sponsorship authority which enables our district offices to conduct much of their outreach and assistance functions.

Therefore, rather than place the SBA in the unfortunate position of suspending the operation of these programs, I ask that you and your colleagues extend the authorization of SBA's programs through the end of fiscal 2007. Continuing the current authorization without any further amendment will prevent any interruption in the services of the SBA and allow SBA and Congress to work unimpeded on multi-year authorization legislation.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. If you or your staff have any questions please contact C.E. "Tee" Rowe in our Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs at (202) 205-6703.

Sincerely yours,

STEVEN C. PRESTON.

Mr. Speaker, many of the programs of the SBA do not operate under a direct appropriation. This includes the 7(a) General Business Loan Guarantee Program, the Certified Development Company Program and the Small Business Investment Company Program. Passage of this bill will make it absolutely certain that there is no legal ambiguity as to whether or not the Federal Government can continue to guarantee these critical loan and debtenture programs for the rest of this year.

In addition, this bill would extend the authority of the Small Business

Administration to operate several smaller programs, including grants to small business development centers to participate in the Drug-Free Workplace Program, sustainability funding for women business centers, the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Pilot Program, the New Markets Venture Capital Program, and BusinessLinc. It would also extend the SBA's cosponsorship and gift authority, which enables the SBA to accept private donations to help put on events or print publications, thus saving the taxpayer substantial dollars. Finally, H.R. 434 gives the SBA all the authority it needs to continue the operations of the Advisory Committee on Veterans Business Affairs.

Mr. Speaker, this bill is quite simple. It contains the exact same language, with only the dates changed, that was signed into law four times in the 108th Congress. It was also passed one time in 2006 when Congress confronted the same problem during previous efforts to pass an SBA reauthorization bill into law.

Extending the authorities of the SBA until December 31 of this year will give the Small Business Committee unimpeded time to develop a comprehensive SBA reauthorization bill without having to confront every few weeks another expiration deadline.

I look forward to working in a bipartisan manner with Chairwoman VELÁZQUEZ and other committee members to produce a good, fiscally responsible reauthorization bill that can eventually be signed into law by the President. I especially want to thank the graciousness of Chairwoman VELÁZQUEZ for agreeing to bring up this bill in such an expeditious manner, and look forward to working with her in the upcoming session of Congress.

I want to emphasize what the chairwoman said about the importance of small business to our country. After all, about 99 percent of the businesses in this country have fewer than 500 employees, which by definition means they are small business, and 60 to 80 percent of new jobs in this country are created by these small businesses. Oftentimes the regulations, the taxation, the litigation, there are a whole range of problems which they have to bear.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that we can over the next 2 years work in a bipartisan manner in order to help small businesses. It is really not a Democrat or Republican issue, it is an issue which benefits all Americans. So I think this is especially a committee in which I think bipartisanship is called for, and I am optimistic we will be able to do that.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 434, so that our Nation's small businesses will see no interruption of service from the SBA over the next 11 months while Congress works uninterrupted on a comprehensive reauthorization bill.

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

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers, so I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. VELÁZQUEZ) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 434.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those voting have responded in the affirmative.

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

HONORING MUHAMMAD ALI ON HIS 65TH BIRTHDAY

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 58) to honor Muhammad Ali, global humanitarian, on the occasion of his 65th birthday and to extend best wishes to him and his family.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 58

Whereas Muhammad Ali is a retired American boxer;

Whereas Ali was born in Louisville, Kentucky, on January 17, 1942, and was named Cassius Marcellus Clay, Jr. after his father, Cassius Marcellus Clay, Sr., (who was named for the 19th century abolitionist and politician Cassius Clay);

Whereas Ali later changed his name after joining the Nation of Islam and subsequently converted to Sunni Islam in 1975;

Whereas in 1999, Ali was crowned "Sportsman of the Century" by Sports Illustrated, won the World Heavyweight Boxing championship 3 times, and won the North American Boxing Federation championship and an Olympic gold medal;

Whereas on September 13, 1999, Ali was named "Kentucky Athlete of the Century" by the Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame in ceremonies at the Galt House East;

Whereas Ali received the Presidential Medal of Freedom at a White House ceremony on November 9, 2005, and the prestigious "Otto Hahn peace medal in Gold" of the United Nations Association of Germany in Berlin on December 17, 2005, for his work with the United States civil rights movement and the United Nations;

Whereas since he retired from boxing, Ali has devoted himself to humanitarian endeavors around the globe;

Whereas Ali is a devout Sunni Muslim and travels the world over, working for hunger and poverty relief, supporting education efforts of all kinds, promoting adoption, and encouraging people to respect and better understand one another;

Whereas it is estimated that Ali has helped to provide more than 22,000,000 meals to feed the hungry and travels, on average, more than 200 days per year;

Whereas through his perseverance and the support of thousands Ali has continued his legacy of humanity through the establishment of the Muhammad Ali Center in his hometown of Louisville, Kentucky;

Whereas on November 19, 2005, Ali's 19th wedding anniversary, the \$60,000,000 non-

profit Muhammad Ali Center opened in downtown Louisville, Kentucky, displaying his boxing memorabilia, the center focuses on core themes of peace, social responsibility, respect, and personal growth;

Whereas the Ali Center is much more than a place that tells the story of one man's journey, the Ali Center reaches beyond its physical walls to fulfill its mission: to preserve and share the legacy and ideals of Muhammad Ali, to promote respect, hope, and understanding, and to inspire adults and children everywhere to be as great as they can be;

Whereas the onsite visitor experience incorporates as organizing elements, 6 prevailing core values of Ali's life: respect, confidence, conviction, dedication, giving, and spirituality;

Whereas these theme-based pavilions all feature dramatic media presentations and interactive exhibits that help illustrate the "hows" of Ali's life: how he found the courage, the dedication, and the discipline to become who he is today, how he found the conviction to stand up for what he believed, and how he turned his passion for excellence in the ring to a passion for peace on the world stage;

Whereas like Muhammad Ali himself, the Muhammad Ali Center focuses on what brings individuals together, not what sets them apart and is a "global gathering place" where people can come—both online and in person—to learn, share, celebrate our commonalities as human beings, and formulate ways of advancing humanity today and in the future;

Whereas the Muhammad Ali Center's educational goals include various delivery methods and incorporate a wide range of topics, from respect, diversity, and personal discovery to empowerment and conflict resolution; and

Whereas ultimately, the Muhammad Ali Center's goal is to make a profoundly significant contribution to the global society: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives honors Muhammad Ali, global humanitarian, on the occasion of his 65th birthday and extends best wishes to him and his family.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) and the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to yield such time as she may consume to the author of H. Res. 58, the gentlewoman from the great State of Indiana (Ms. CARSON).

Ms. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I thank the honorable gentleman from the State of Illinois for yielding, and to the Speaker, thank you very much for giving us this time to give honor where honor is due.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 65th birthday of a great American,

the greatest of all time, and world humanitarian, Muhammad Ali.

Quite frankly, as a little girl growing up, I didn't pay too much attention to the boxing arena of this great country. I just knew that men got in a ring with some gloves on and pounded each other, and whoever pounded the most won the title.

Ali, like me, was born in Louisville, Kentucky. He was named Cassius Marcellus Clay after his father, who was named for the 19th century abolitionist and politician, Cassius Clay. Ali later changed his name after joining the Nation of Islam and subsequently converted to Sunni Islam in 1975.

I remember as a younger person how awful I thought it was that this country would permit the stripping of a title so dutifully earned, the Heavyweight Boxing Championship of the World.

Though Ali won the gold medal at the Rome Olympics in 1960, at the time the experts didn't think much of his boxing skills. Ali surprised the experts and won the world heavyweight title against Sonny Liston in 1964. He won the world heavyweight boxing championship three times.

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However, Ali proved to be a freedom fighter as well, protesting within his rights as an American citizen the Vietnam War and his draft by the government to serve in that war. I remember thinking Ali said, I am not mad at nobody and I am not going over to fight a war.

The government prosecuted him for draft dodging, and the boxing commission took away his license. He was inactive from March 22, 1967, to October 26, 1970, idle for 3½ years at the peak of his career.

In 1971, the Supreme Court ruled that the government had acted improperly, but Ali bore the commissions no ill will, even though he was a Sunni Muslim and he reminded you of Christ being crucified on the cross and saying I will forgive them no matter what they do.

Ali, like Nelson Mandela of South Africa, Mahatma Gandhi of India and another great American, Martin Luther King, bore no bitterness against those that sought to oppress him and deny him the freedom to pursue happiness, even though the Constitution says the government shall not deprive based on race or religion against our citizens.

Since his retirement from boxing, Ali has devoted himself to humanitarian endeavors around the globe.

He is a devout Sunni Muslim and travels the world over, lending his name and presence to hunger and poverty relief, supporting education efforts of all kinds, promoting adoption and encouraging people to respect and better understand one another.

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Ali received a Presidential Medal of Freedom at a White House ceremony in November 2005.