

On June 3, 2008, the Arizona State University Sun Devils won the 2008 NCAA Women's College World Series after trouncing Texas A&M Aggies 11-0. Not only did this win mark the first national title for Arizona State University in softball, but the Lady Sun Devils also set a record for the highest margin of victory in a championship game in the NCAA Women's College World Series history.

Arizonans and a national television audience shared in the excitement, pride and sportsmanship ASU players displayed, both on the field and in the dugout during this inspiring victory.

Furthermore, the ASU softball team played an excellent season, winning an impressive 66 games. Under the leadership of Coach Clint Meyers, the Sun Devils went 56-5 during the season, and 10-for-10 in the post season. This team succeeded with the hard work, grit and determination of the players, coaches and staff.

Outstanding players in the Women's College World Series include super slugger, Kaitlin Cochran, who set a new NCAA single season record by drawing 29 intentional walks.

Star pitcher Katie Burkhart earned Most Valuable Player honors in the Women's College World Series with 53 strikeouts and a perfect record of five wins and zero losses.

Six of the lady Sun Devils were also named to the Louisville Slugger National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-Pacific Region team. Five of these players, Katie Burkhart, Mindy Cowles, Krista Donnenwirth, Kaitlin Cochran and Jackie Vasquez, advanced to earn Louisville Sluggers/NFCA All-American honors.

This team of course owes a great deal of its success to the superb ASU coaching staff, including Head Coach Clint Meyers and Assistant Coaches Kirsten Voak and Robert Wagner, who have been named to the NFCA's NCAA Division I National Coaching Staff of the year.

As an alumnus of ASU, I am honored and excited to see a team from my alma mater accomplish this feat. This is truly a victory for Sun Devils everywhere. The championship title has been a long time coming for this team, and these women showed that true dedication and persistence can, indeed, pay off.

I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the remarkable success of this team whose achievements and camaraderie should be models for other teams across the country.

Go Devils.

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

I would also like to congratulate the Arizona State University softball team. I watched some of the softball on television, and these are dynamic athletes doing a wonderful job of dealing with what has become a very fast sport.

This team was extraordinary. Their victory against Texas A&M in the

World Series, 11-0 victory shows just how great they really are.

Beyond that though, I would just like to say that the Arizona State softball is not only an inspiration to student athletes in Arizona and across the United States, but a beacon of higher education as well. Arizona State University is a knowledge and discovery enterprise advancing teaching and research focused on the most pressing challenges that confront global society. A comprehensive public metropolitan research university enrolling more than 60,000 undergraduate, graduate and professional students on four campuses. ASU is a federation of unique colleges, schools, departments and research institutes that comprise close-knit but diverse academic communities that are international in scope. ASU champions intellectual and cultural diversity and welcomes students from all 50 States and more than 100 nations across the globe.

I congratulate everybody who had anything to do with the softball victory this year, and I congratulate Arizona State University on being an outstanding university in our country.

I yield back the balance of our time. Mr. BISHOP of New York. We have no further speakers, Mr. Speaker, so I yield back the balance of my time as well.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. BISHOP) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1323.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. BISHOP of New York. 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 motion will be postponed.

CONGRATULATING THE HAMILTON COLLEGE CONTINENTALS ON WINNING THE NCAA DIVISION III WOMEN'S LACROSSE CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1259) congratulating the Hamilton College Continentals on winning the NCAA Division III women's lacrosse championship, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1259

Whereas on May 18, 2008, the Hamilton College Continentals women's lacrosse team captured the NCAA Division III championship and completed the best season in the team's 29-year history;

Whereas the Continentals are the first team in the College's history to reach the

national semifinals in any NCAA championship;

Whereas the Continentals completed the 2008 season with a remarkable 21-1 record and won 19 straight games, which is the longest winning streak in Division III women's lacrosse;

Whereas the Continentals are led by team captains Tara Eckberg of Castle Rock, CO; Jen McGowan of Jericho, VT; Nicole Tetreault of Guiderland, NY; and are comprised of the following outstanding players: Kate Fowler of Branford, CT; Allie Shpall of Greenwood Village, CO; Laura Stern of Shaker Heights, OH; Becca Green of Wynnewood, PA; Matilda Andersson of Annapolis, MD; Kayla Bettenhauser of West Babylon, NY; Katie White of Stonington, CT; Kate Marek of Alexandria, VA; Audrey Nebergall of Tiverton, RI; Kriti Dave of Newton, MA; Liz Rave of Huntington, NY; Hilary Saverin of New Canaan, CT; Kaillie Briscoe of Orangeville, Ontario; Anne Graveley of Queensbury, NY; Katie Gambir of Darien, CT; Sarah Bray of Rockville, MD; Catie Gibbons of Clarks Summit, PA; and Liz Benjamin of Garrison, NY;

Whereas head coach Patty Kloidt, assisted by Amanda Nobis and Mackay Rippey, merit recognition and praise for guiding the Continentals to their championship win, and were named the Liberty League Coaching Staff of the Year in 2008, and Patty Kloidt was named 2008 NCAA Division III Coach of the Year by the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association;

Whereas four Continentals won All-America awards this year, six players were selected to the all-region team, and nine players were selected to the all-league team; and

Whereas the Continentals are shining examples of the products of hard work and commitment, and have inspired and brought pride to their community as well as their loved ones and the students and alumni of Hamilton College: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives congratulates the Hamilton College Continentals on winning the NCAA Division III women's lacrosse championship and commends them on their contributions to Hamilton College, women's athletics, and the sport of lacrosse.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York (Mr. BISHOP) and the gentleman from Delaware (Mr. CASTLE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I request 5 legislative days during which Members may revise and extend and insert extraneous material on H. Res. 1259 into the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Hamilton College Continentals women's lacrosse team for their victory in the 2008 NCAA Division III tournament.

On May 18, Hamilton College Continentals women's lacrosse team celebrated their NCAA Division III championship title after defeating the Franklin & Marshall College Diplomats 13-6 in Salem, Virginia.

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This was the first NCAA championship title for not only the woman's lacrosse team but also for Hamilton College. However, amidst the recognition of this single moment, the individuals that constituted this significant occasion should be the main focus of praise. Each individual's hard work and dedication in the course of the entire season should be noted and celebrated.

First, I want to recognize Nicole Tetreault, class of 2008. As a result of her outstanding performances throughout the season, she has received numerous awards and recognitions including 2008 Liberty League Player of the Year, 2008 NCAA Division III All-Tournament team, First Team All-America for the second consecutive year, and 2008 ESPN The Magazine's Academic All-America Women's At-Large Team. Furthermore, Tetreault was granted the honor of Academic All-American, a recognition given to exceptional athletes who also demonstrate academic excellence. Tetreault has proven to be an admirable role model to students and athletes alike.

Additionally, I want to extend my congratulations to head Coach Patty Kloidt who has propelled Hamilton College's women's lacrosse program forward ever since she assumed the position 6 years ago. Kloidt rightfully received the NCAA Division III Women's Lacrosse title Coach of the Year. Moreover, Kloidt and her assistant coaches, Amanda Nobis and Mackay Rippey, were named the Liberty League Coaching Staff of the Year in 2008. They are an excellent representation of outstanding leadership.

The Hamilton College women's lacrosse team made many more accomplishments apart from the ones already mentioned. Four of the women Continentals won All-American awards and six were selected to the All-Region team. They had an impeccable season with a record of 21-1, winning 19 straight games. And I'm sure their lacrosse program will only move forward with many victories in years to come.

It is very rare that a team is granted with an exceptional coaching staff and athletic ability. Yet it takes tremendous leadership and teamwork for potential to be fully realized and for any team to perform at their best. Again, I do not only congratulate the Continentals for their championship title, but the exceptional individuals that made the victory possible. These athletes and coaching staff are truly an outstanding model for any group to refer to, whether it is athletics, academics, or politics as an example of cooperation, tenacity, and excellence.

Mr. Speaker, I once again congratulate the Hamilton College Continental women's lacrosse team 2008 NCAA Division III championship title.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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

I rise today in support of House Resolution 1259, congratulating the Ham-

ilton College Continentals on winning the NCAA's women's lacrosse championship.

On May 18, 2008, the Hamilton College Continentals women's lacrosse team captured the NCAA Division III championship and completed the very best season in the team's 29-year history. The 13-6 victory over the Franklin & Marshall Diplomats secured Hamilton's first national title in any sport.

The Continentals entered the weekend as the number four-ranked team in Division III but knocked off number one Salisbury University 11-10 on Saturday before they defeated the defending champion and third-ranked Diplomats. Hamilton also avenged a 14-13 loss to Franklin & Marshall suffered in Florida on March 19. The loss was the lone blemish on the Continentals' 2008 record. The Continentals completed the 2008 season with a remarkable 21-1 record and won 19 straight games, which is the longest winning streak in Division III women's lacrosse.

Four Continentals earned All-American awards this year. Six players were selected to the All-Region team, and nine players were selected to the All-League team. The Continentals are truly shining examples of the products of hard work and commitment, and they have inspired and brought pride to their community as well as their loved ones and the students and alumni of Hamilton College.

Head Coach Patty Kloidt also merits recognition and praise for guiding the Continentals to their championship win. Coach Kloidt and her staff were named the Liberty League Coaching Staff of the Year in 2008. Coach Kloidt was also named the NCAA Division III women's lacrosse coach of the year.

While the accomplishment of capturing a national athletic title deserves our recognition today, we should also take a moment to reflect on Hamilton's commitment to academics. Hamilton is a liberal arts college with an emphasis on individualized instruction and independent research and is a national leader in teaching effective writing and persuasive speaking. Founded in 1973 as the Hamilton-Oneida Academy, it is the third oldest college established in New York State. Hamilton's curriculum provides its highly motivated students with both the freedom and responsibility to make educational choices that emphasize breadth and depth. In short, Hamilton College is the finest college in the United States.

I graduated from there 40-some years ago.

Through independent projects, The Senior Program, and summer internships with faculty, Hamilton provides an increasing number of opportunities for students to engage in significant—often publishable—research at the undergraduate level.

I am happy to join my colleagues in honoring Hamilton for its many achievements. I extend my congratulations to Hamilton's President Joan

Stewart, Athletics Director Jon Hind, Head Coach Patty Kloidt and her staff, the players, the fans and to Hamilton College.

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I have no additional speakers. I'm prepared to yield back my time.

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Before I close, let me congratulate Mr. CASTLE on the success of his alma mater.

Mr. ARCURI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 1259, to congratulate the Hamilton College Lady Continentals on their NCAA Division III women's lacrosse championship.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to stand here today and represent such a talented group of athletes in New York's 24th Congressional District. The Hamilton Continentals this year completed the best season in the college's 29-year women's lacrosse history, and are the first team at the college to ever reach the national semifinals in any NCAA championship.

This truly phenomenal team has demonstrated passion and commitment to their sport, racking up an impressive 21-1 record this year and creating the longest winning streak in Division III women's lacrosse. This group of 20 athletes knows the true meaning of teamwork, while also proving that they are each formidable opponents on the field through their impressive individual records.

Ten Hamilton players have garnered an amazing total of 11 All-America awards throughout their college careers. This year alone, four Continentals won All-America awards this year, six players were selected to the all-region team, and nine players were selected to the all-league team.

Hamilton College, located in Clinton, NY, is a nationally-recognized liberal arts college that consistently ranks in the top 20 liberal arts institutions across the Nation. The college receives applications from around the country and around the world, contributing to a student body with diverse interests and talents with a great potential for achievement and innovation. Given the college's commitment and the dedication of their students, there is no doubt that it will continue its centuries-long tradition of excellence in scholastics and, now, athletics.

The accomplishments of the Hamilton Lady Continentals cannot be applauded without commending the efforts of their coaching staff. Head Coach Patty Kloidt, and assistants Amanda Nobis and Mackay Rippey, have guided the Lady Continentals to victory this year. This nurturing and inspiring coaching team was named the 2008 Liberty League Coaching Staff of the Year, and Head Coach Patty Kloidt was recently named 2008 NCAA Division III Coach of the Year by the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association. On behalf of my colleagues in Washington and in my district, I wish to congratulate this team on their success and recognition.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues today to support this resolution congratulating the Hamilton College Lady Continentals women's lacrosse team, and to support them in their future endeavors as they continue to inspire athletes across the country.

Mr. BISHOP of New York. I yield back the balance of my time.

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

the gentleman from New York (Mr. BISHOP) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1259, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. BISHOP of New York. 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 motion will be postponed.

CONGRATULATING 2008 NCAA BASEBALL CHAMPION FRESNO STATE BULLDOGS

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1327) congratulating the 2008 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Baseball Champions, the Fresno State Bulldogs, on an outstanding and historic season, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1327

Whereas California State University, Fresno, better known as Fresno State, was founded in 1911 and has offered advanced degrees since 1949;

Whereas Fresno State has one of the top Agriculture Sciences and Technology programs in the California State University system, with a worldwide reputation in water technology, more than 200 awards for student-produced wines, and research having global impact in the areas of food production, land preservation, and irrigation;

Whereas Fresno State's Craig School of Business has been recognized in the Princeton Review's top business schools and is nationally acclaimed for its Lyles Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship;

Whereas Fresno State also offers well-regarded programs in schools or colleges devoted to arts and humanities, health and human services, education and human development, social sciences, physical sciences, and mathematics and engineering;

Whereas Fresno State is home to approximately 19,000 undergraduate students, 2,200 graduate students, and nearly 1,000 post-baccalaureate students;

Whereas in the recent Western Association of Schools and Colleges accreditation process, Fresno State was commended as a "national model for institutions interested in becoming generators of social mobility, economic development, and student success";

Whereas Fresno State prepares its students to prosper in their chosen careers by being responsible citizens in their communities, as well as in the State, Nation, and world;

Whereas all Fresno State athletic programs pride themselves on recruiting male and female athletes from local high schools and junior colleges;

Whereas every member of this year's championship baseball team is from California, with many players hailing from such San Joaquin Valley towns as Fresno, Clovis, Bakersfield, Visalia, Hanford, and Turlock;

Whereas the Fresno State Bulldogs baseball team beat the University of Georgia Bulldogs two games to one to win the 2008 College World Series;

Whereas the Fresno State Bulldogs opened the College World Series with a victory over sixth-seeded Rice University and had two wins over number-two national seed University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill;

Whereas the Bulldogs hit 14 home runs, the second most in College World Series history, and set the record for the most extra-base hits, runs batted in, and total bases in a championship game;

Whereas the Bulldogs became the first team in College World Series history to score at least 17 runs more than once in the same College World Series;

Whereas the Bulldogs became the first number-four regional seed to reach the College World Series since the tournament expanded in 1999;

Whereas all 10 of the Bulldogs' postseason wins have come against teams ranked in the top 15, including its final 7 wins over national seeds;

Whereas the Bulldogs played on the road for over 40 days;

Whereas, throughout the College World Series, the Bulldogs won 6 elimination games, including a 19-10 victory over the University of Georgia Bulldogs in the championship series;

Whereas, for the third consecutive season, the Bulldogs earned a preseason ranking in Collegiate Baseball Newspaper's Fabulous 40 and an 18th-place ranking from Baseball America Magazine;

Whereas the Bulldogs won 47 games and lost 31 games during the 2008 season;

Whereas 7 members of the Bulldog team were named to the Preseason All-Western Athletic Conference Team;

Whereas on May 17, 2008, the Bulldogs won their third straight Western Athletic Conference championship;

Whereas on May 25, 2008, the Bulldogs won their third straight Western Athletic Conference tournament after beating the University of Nevada;

Whereas the Bulldogs had not played in a College World Series since 1991;

Whereas the Bulldogs won the Long Beach Regional and Tempe Super Regional tournaments, and beat 3rd-ranked Arizona State University, 6th-ranked San Diego University, and 11th-ranked Long Beach State University;

Whereas head coach Mike Batesole was named the 2008 National Coach of the Year, the second time in 10 years he has won the award;

Whereas Steve Susdorf was named the Western Athletic Conference Player of the Year, Tanner Scheppers was named the Western Athletic Conference Pitcher of the Year, Danny Muno was named the Western Athletic Conference Freshman of the Year, and head coach Mike Batesole was named the Western Athletic Conference Co-Coach of the Year;

Whereas Steve Susdorf, Tanner Scheppers, Erik Wetzel, Alan Ahmady, and Brandon Burke earned First-Team All-Western Athletic Conference honors;

Whereas seniors Clayton Allison, Blake Amador, Jason Breckley, Brandon Burke, Jacob Hower, Ryan Overland, and Steve Susdorf and junior Kris Tomlinson have graduated or will graduate within 9 semesters, having managed their time well enough to keep up with studies and play championship baseball over 78 games and hundreds of practice sessions;

Whereas Steve Susdorf was a Western Athletic Conference All-Academic awardee for the fourth year and also won ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District and second team Academic All-America honors;

Whereas senior Clayton Allison, juniors Kris Tomlinson and Erik Wetzel, and freshmen Trent Soares and Jake Floethe were

also Western Athletic Conference All-Academic performers;

Whereas Tommy Mendonca was named the College World Series Most Outstanding Player and was named to the 2008 National Collegiate Team;

Whereas Erik Wetzel, Steve Susdorf, Steve Detwiler, and Justin Wilson were named to the 2008 College World Series All-Tournament Team;

Whereas, in addition to the players who earned all-conference honors, the Bulldogs saw outstanding play from Danny Muno, Jordan Ribera, Gavin Hedstrom, and Ryan Overland;

Whereas Bulldog coaches Mike Batesole, Matt Curtis, Mike Mayne, and Pat Waer and the entire Bulldog roster and staff have earned a special place in Fresno State sports history;

Whereas many members of the Bulldog team will never play professional baseball and truly give meaning to the term "student-athlete"; and

Whereas Fresno State's competition for the national championship has been exciting to watch for all those who have an attachment to the University, the San Joaquin Valley, and the game we call our national pastime: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) congratulates the 2008 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Baseball Champions, the Fresno State Bulldogs, on an outstanding and historic season; and

(2) recognizes that the Bulldogs, in winning their first College World Series, concluded an unprecedented season and championship that captivated baseball fans across America.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York (Mr. BISHOP) and the gentleman from Delaware (Mr. CASTLE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I request 5 legislative days during which Members may revise and extend and insert extraneous material on H. Res. 1327 into the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the California State University Fresno State men's baseball team for winning the 2008 Division I College World Series.

Since June 14, the first day of the College World Series, Fresno State made an improbable run at the championship. As a fourth seed, they fought and clawed their way into the College World Series. Just to make the College World Series, Fresno State had to win the Western Athletic Conference. Though they edged their way into the CWS, their presence was definitely felt. They gave college baseball fans across the country special treat with their amazing play.

The Bulldogs belted their way through their matchup with Rice University. This lopsided affair ended with