

continued success and ask my colleagues to support this resolution.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. PIERLUISI. I ask my colleagues to support the resolution congratulating the Syracuse University men's lacrosse team for their victory in the 2009 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Lacrosse Tournament.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Puerto Rico (Mr. PIERLUISI) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 562.

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. PIERLUISI. 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 NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S LACROSSE TEAM

Mr. PIERLUISI. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 824) congratulating the Northwestern University Wildcats on winning the 2009 NCAA women's lacrosse championship, and to commend Northwestern University for its pursuit of athletic and academic excellence.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 824

Whereas the Northwestern women's lacrosse team serves as important role models to young athletes, demonstrating excellence on the athletic field and in the classroom;

Whereas Northwestern defeated North Carolina 21-7 to win the national championship on May 24, 2009;

Whereas Northwestern finished the season with a 23-0 record to win their fifth straight national championship; and

Whereas senior Hannah Nielsen won the Tewaaron Trophy, given to the Nation's top player, and played a vital role in helping Northwestern to a 23-0 record in 2009, finishing her distinguished career as the Wildcats' all-time leader in points (398) after becoming the NCAA Division I all-time assist leader with 224: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) congratulates Northwestern University and its athletes, coaches, faculty, students, administration, and alumni on the winning of the 2009 NCAA women's lacrosse championship;

(2) recognizes and commends Northwestern University for its pursuit of athletic as well as academic excellence; and

(3) directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make available enrolled copies of this resolution to Northwestern University President Henry S. Bienen, Athletic Director James Phillips, and Head Coach Kelly Amonte Hiller for appropriate display.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Puerto Rico (Mr. PIERLUISI) and the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. BIGGERT) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Puerto Rico.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PIERLUISI. Mr. Speaker, I request 5 legislative days during which Members may revise and extend and insert extraneous material on House Resolution 824 into the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. PIERLUISI. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 824, which recognizes and congratulates the Northwestern University Wildcats for winning the 2009 NCAA Women's Lacrosse Championship and for pursuing athletic and academic excellence.

The Wildcats posted a 23-0 regular season record and broke NCAA records both for total points and total goals in a season. The team applied the lessons learned during their undefeated year and displayed their outstanding athletic skills and cohesive team strategy in post-season play, trailing only once during the entire tournament.

On May 24, 2009, the University of North Carolina Tar Heels cut the Northwestern Wildcat's lead to two goals midway through the first half of the championship game. Northwestern responded with 10 consecutive goals to win its fifth straight NCAA championship in women's Division I lacrosse. The team's 21-7 victory over the Tar Heels set the record for goals scored in the title game.

Special congratulations are due to Coach Kelly Amonte Hiller, who now boasts a 20-1 record in the NCAA tournament. Amonte Hiller took over a program that had club status, and not only brought the team to official collegiate standings, but amassed five national championships and six conference titles in just eight seasons. The seniors on this team had one of the most successful collegiate athletic careers.

Recognition also should be given to senior Hannah Nielsen, who won the Tewaaron Trophy for the second year in a row. This award is given to the Nation's top lacrosse player by the Tewaaron Foundation.

Northwestern University succeeds not only on lacrosse fields, but in its classrooms as well. It ranks 12th in the 2010 national university rankings issued by U.S. News & World Report and boasts a 92.5 percent graduation rate, an amazing statistic for any university.

In addition to over 70 established majors, Northwestern University empowers students to choose or design non-traditional concentrations and offers a wide range of field experiences and internships. It is an institute of higher

learning from which its graduates, including its athletes, go on to accomplish great things and make important contributions to our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, once again I congratulate the Northwestern University women's lacrosse team on its 2009 Division I NCAA championship title. I wish the program much success in the 2010 season.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 824, congratulating the Northwestern University Wildcats on winning the 2009 NCAA Women's Lacrosse Championship and to commend Northwestern University for its pursuit of athletic and academic excellence. As a graduate of Northwestern University School of Law myself, I am especially proud to join in honoring these talented women and the school they represent.

On May 24, 2009, the Northwestern University women's lacrosse team, the Wildcats, capped a perfect 2009 season by routing third ranked North Carolina 21-7 to capture its fifth straight national championship, finishing the year 23-0.

The Wildcats continued to etch its place as one of the top programs in the history of the sport, becoming just the second team to win five consecutive national titles. They are just two shy of Maryland's seven straight wins from 1995 to 2001, and the victory over the Tar Heels, 16-5, was Head Coach Kelly Amonte Hiller's 20th consecutive tournament victory.

At Northwestern University, these dynamic women demonstrate excellence on the athletic field as well as in the classroom. Founded in 1854, Northwestern University combines innovative teaching and pioneering research in a highly collaborative environment that transcends traditional academic boundaries. It provides students and faculty exceptional opportunities for intellectual, personal, and professional growth.

Northwestern is recognized both nationally and internationally for the quality of its educational programs at all levels. U.S. News & World Report consistently ranks the university's undergraduate and graduate programs among the best in the country. The Northwestern women's lacrosse team serves as an important role model to young athletes.

Congratulations to Northwestern University's president, Morton Schapiro; athletic director, James Phillips; head coach, Kelly Amonte Hiller; senior, Hannah Nielsen, who won the Tewaaron Trophy given to the Nation's top player; the entire Wildcat team; the faculty, staff, and Northwestern students on this victory.

Today, we recognize and commend Northwestern University for its pursuit of athletic as well as academic excellence. I urge my colleagues to support House Resolution 824.

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Northwestern University Wildcats women's lacrosse team as the 2009 NCAA champion. This season marks the team's fifth straight national championship win and solidifies Northwestern University as a national leader both in academic and athletic excellence.

The Northwestern University women's lacrosse team is looked upon as a role model by young athletes in the Chicagoland area, maintaining the highest standard of excellence both in the classroom and on the field. Most noted, is senior Hannah Nielson. Hannah has been honored as the nation's top lacrosse player with the Tewaaraton Trophy due to her exemplary performance as the Wildcat's all-time leader in points and by helping to lead her team to 23–0 victory in 2009.

Furthermore, I would like to extend my congratulations to the 10 Wildcat seniors Hilary Bowen, Mary Kate Casey, Laura Clemente, Casey Donohoe, Meredith Franks, Caitlin Jackson, Ali Jacobs, Morgan Lathrop, Hannah Nielson and Meghan Plunkett who have finished their amazing collegiate careers with an 85–3 record including four American Lacrosse Conference titles and four NCAA national titles.

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Mrs. BIGGERT. I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. PIERLUISI. Having no additional speakers, Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues support the resolution, congratulating the Northwestern University Wildcats for winning the 2009 NCAA Women's Lacrosse Championship.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Puerto Rico (Mr. PIERLUISI) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 824.

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. PIERLUISI. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

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.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Mr. PIERLUISI. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 817) supporting the goals and ideals of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should continue to raise awareness of domestic violence in the United States and its devastating effects on families and com-

munities, and support programs designed to end domestic violence, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 817

Whereas domestic violence affects people of all ages as well as racial, ethnic, gender, economic, and religious backgrounds;

Whereas females are disproportionately victims and one in four women will experience domestic violence at some point in her life;

Whereas on average, more than three women are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends in the United States every day;

Whereas in 2005, 1,181 women were murdered by an intimate partner constituting 78 percent of all intimate partner homicides that year;

Whereas women ages 16 to 24 experience the highest rates, per capita, of intimate partner violence;

Whereas 1 out of 3 Native American women will be raped and 6 out of 10 will be physically assaulted in their lifetimes;

Whereas the cost of intimate partner violence exceeds \$5,800,000,000 each year, \$4,100,000 of which is for direct medical and mental health care services;

Whereas one-quarter to one-half of domestic violence victims report that they have lost a job due, at least in part, to domestic violence;

Whereas the annual cost of lost productivity due to domestic violence is estimated at \$727,800,000 with over 7,900,000 paid workdays lost per year;

Whereas some landlords deny housing to victims of domestic violence who have protection orders or evict victims of domestic violence for seeking help after a domestic violence incident, such as by calling 911, or who have other indications that they are domestic violence victims;

Whereas 92 percent of homeless women experience severe physical or sexual abuse at some point in their lifetimes;

Whereas approximately 40 to 60 percent of men who abuse women also abuse children;

Whereas approximately 15,500,000 children are exposed to domestic violence every year;

Whereas children exposed to domestic violence are more likely to attempt suicide, abuse drugs and alcohol, run away from home, and engage in teenage prostitution;

Whereas one large study found that men exposed to physical abuse, sexual abuse, and adult domestic violence as children were almost four times more likely than other men to have perpetrated domestic violence as adults;

Whereas nearly 1,500,000 high school students nationwide experienced physical abuse from a dating partner in 2003;

Whereas 13 percent of teenage girls who have been in a relationship report being hit or hurt by their partners and one in four teenage girls has been in a relationship in which she was pressured by her partner into performing sexual acts;

Whereas adolescent girls who reported dating violence were 60 percent more likely to report one or more suicide attempts in the past year;

Whereas there is a need for middle schools, secondary schools, and post-secondary schools to educate students about the issues of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking;

Whereas 88 percent of men in a national poll reported that they think that our society should do more to respect women and girls;

Whereas a recently released multi-State study shows that the Nation's domestic violence shelters are addressing victims' urgent and long-term needs and are helping victims protect themselves and their children;

Whereas a 2008 National Census Survey reported that 60,799 adults and children were served by domestic violence shelters and programs around the Nation in a single day;

Whereas an additional 8,927 people requested help that day, but due to lack of resources, they were unable to be served;

Whereas there is a need to increase funding for programs aimed at intervening and preventing domestic violence in the United States; and

Whereas individuals and organizations that are dedicated to preventing and ending domestic violence should be recognized: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and

(2) expresses the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should continue to raise awareness of domestic violence in the United States and its devastating effects on families and communities, and support programs designed to end domestic violence.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Puerto Rico (Mr. PIERLUISI) and the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. BIGGERT) each will control 20 minutes. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Puerto Rico.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PIERLUISI. Mr. Speaker, I request 5 legislative days during which Members may revise and extend and insert extraneous material on House Resolution 817 into the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. PIERLUISI. I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 817, supporting the goals and ideals of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should continue to raise awareness of domestic violence in the United States. I would also like to thank Congressman AL GREEN for bringing this resolution forward. It is an important bill and deserves much attention.

National Domestic Violence Awareness Month is recognized in the month of October. As such, communities and many groups hold events to educate the public about the violence that affects millions of women, men and children every single day. Domestic violence advocacy increases awareness and helps battered people seek the help they desperately need.

Domestic violence is the willful intimidation, assault, battery, sexual assault or other abusive behavior perpetrated by an intimate partner against another. It is an epidemic that affects men, women and children in every community regardless of age, sex, economic status, nationality or educational background.