

There are 35.2 million young people ages 10–18 in the U.S. today; of those young people: 1 out of 4 lives with only one parent; 1 out of 10 was born to teen parents; 1 out of 5 lives in poverty; 1 out of 10 will not finish high school.

Madam Speaker, a school counselor is sometimes the only person to whom our young people can go for advice and guidance. Imagine how many young lives could be positively impacted if we increased the number of school counselors and remembered their important role when budgets are cut.

School counselors can help give those youth living in poverty to strive towards a brighter future for themselves. Every child could benefit from having someone in his or her life to turn to for advice and help in the time of need.

The positive relationships and reinforcement that school counselors provide is clearly effective. Young people today are confronted with many challenges in life. They can find the confidence to overcome many of these challenges through quality counseling.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. LOEBSACK) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 56.

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. LOEBSACK. Madam 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The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

#### COMMENDING UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA GATORS FOR WINNING BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Mr. LOEBSACK. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 58) commending the University of Florida Gators for winning the Bowl Championship Series National Championship Game.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

#### H. RES. 58

Whereas, on January 8, 2009, the University of Florida Gators defeated the Oklahoma Sooners 24–14 in the Bowl Championship Series National Championship Game in Miami, Florida;

Whereas the Gators have become one of the premier athletic and academic institutions in the country;

Whereas this BCS National Championship is the University of Florida's 22nd national championship in all sports;

Whereas the Gators' victory over Oklahoma was the third football national title for the University of Florida and the second in the past three seasons, the others being won in 1996 and 2007;

Whereas the Gators are the fourth school in the modern era to win two outright national titles in three years;

Whereas the Gators improved their BCS Championship game record to 2–0;

Whereas Florida made its 18th-straight bowl appearance to extend their current school record, the longest active streak by a Southeastern Conference (SEC) team representing the second-longest in the Nation;

Whereas the Gators finished the 2008 season with a 13–1 record, matching the single-season school record for wins (also 13–1 in 2006);

Whereas the Gators become the second team in the 11-year history of the BCS to win two titles;

Whereas the Gators' victory is the fifth BCS championship for the SEC;

Whereas head coach Urban Meyer became only the fifth coach since 1936 to win two national championships in his first four seasons at a school;

Whereas Coach Meyer becomes the fifth active Division I coach with multiple national titles;

Whereas Coach Meyer became the 14th youngest head coach to win a pair of national titles since 1950;

Whereas the Gators' quarterback Tim Tebow was named the game's Most Valuable Player, with 340 yards of total offense, the third-best pass-rush total in a BCS Championship game;

Whereas Tim Tebow showed why he is one of the most versatile quarterbacks in college football history by completing 18 of 30 passes for 231 yards and 2 touchdowns and rushing for 109 yards, the third highest ground total by a quarterback in a BCS title game;

Whereas Tim Tebow became only the 5th player since 1950 to win two national titles and a Heisman Trophy;

Whereas Percy Harvin, after returning from an ankle injury, ran nine times for 122 yards and a touchdown, marking the third-best rushing total in a BCS Championship game, caught five passes for 49 yards, and proved once again to be the fastest player on the field;

Whereas Tebow and Harvin became the first set of teammates to each rush for 100 yards or more in the same BCS National Championship game;

Whereas the Gators' defense shut down the highest-scoring team in modern football history and held Oklahoma to only 14 points and 363 total yards, 40 points and 199 yards below the Sooners' season average;

Whereas Florida's defense held Sooner quarterback and Heisman Trophy winner Sam Bradford to 256 passing yards, his third-lowest of the season and his first two-interception game since October 11, 2008;

Whereas the Gators' players and coaches football team represent the University of Florida and the State of Florida with honor and integrity; and

Whereas residents of Florida and Gator fans worldwide are to be commended for their longstanding support, perseverance, and pride in the team: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

(1) commends the University of Florida Gators for winning the Bowl Championship Series National Championship;

(2) recognizes the achievements of the players, coaches, students, and support staff who were instrumental in the victory; and

(3) directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to transmit a copy of this resolution to University of Florida President J.

Bernard Machen and head coach Urban Meyer for appropriate display.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. LOEBSACK) and the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. EHLERS) each will control 20 minutes.

Mr. EHLERS. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that Mr. STEARNS from Florida control the time on this resolution.

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

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Iowa.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LOEBSACK. Madam Speaker, I request 5 legislative days during which Members may revise and extend and insert extraneous material on H. Res. 58 into the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. LOEBSACK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the University of Florida football team for their victory in the 2009 NCAA FedEx BCS National Championship game.

On January 8, football fans all across the country were treated to an exceptional game as the University of Florida Gators defeated the University of Oklahoma Sooners and clinched their third national title.

Defeating a tough Oklahoma Sooners team by a score of 24–14, the Florida Gators became the fourth straight second-ranked team to defeat the number one team in the Nation in the BCS National Championship.

The University of Florida serves as a premier academic institution, and is now emerging as an athletic powerhouse. The school has fielded 22 national championship teams, with the last four coming from the men's football and basketball teams.

This year's football team finished the season with a 13–1 record, matching the single season school record for wins. The outstanding players and coaches produced a great season, winning numerous awards and praise throughout the country.

I would also like to congratulate Tim Tebow, the game's most valuable player. He threw for 231 yards and two touchdowns while rushing for 109 yards. His 340 yards of total offense was the third best pass-rush total in BCS Championship history. He won the Heisman Trophy Award last year, and is a leader for his team.

And congratulations to Percy Harvin, one of the most electric and skilled athletes in America. Harvin rushed for 122 yards and caught five passes for 49 yards.

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This was quite a feat after returning to play from a devastating ankle injury last month.

Averaging 50 points per game, Florida's defense held the University of Oklahoma's offense to just 14 points. The hard work of the outstanding defense and coaching staff clearly paid off.

And, finally, I want to extend my congratulations to Head Coach Urban Meyer. In only 4 years with the team, he has brought incredible success. Meyer became the fifth coach since 1936 to win two National Championships in his first four seasons as a head coach. He is the 14th youngest head coach to win a pair of national titles since 1950. His leadership and commitment to this team have given him fame and a place in college football history.

The extraordinary achievement of this team is a tribute to the skill and dedication of many players, coaches, students, alumni, families, and fans that have helped to make the University of Florida a premier football program. Winning the National Championship, finishing the season with a 13-1 overall record, and leading the SEC to another championship has brought national acclaim to the University of Florida. I know the fans of the university will revel in this accomplishment as they look forward to the 2009 season. And they should. After all, Tim Tebow, an inspiration for fellow college athletes, will return for his senior year in the hopes of leading his team to their fourth National Championship.

Once again I congratulate the University of Florida football team for their success.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

I thank my colleague from Iowa for his generous comments, for his very perspicuous and insightful observations and his personal commendation, particularly in light of the fact that now I have the great honor to represent the University of Florida. And I stand today with a great deal of humility because I have been on this floor a couple times before obviously when they won the national basketball championship, that is this National Championship twice, and they have won now this second football National Championship, twice in 3 years. So I am very, very honored to represent the university and to ask my colleagues obviously to consider this resolution.

On the evening of January 8, the Florida Gators won their second BCS National Championship title, two in the past 3 years. But, my colleagues, they faced a very tough opponent: the Oklahoma Sooners. I think we all know how powerful a football program that is. We had our star quarterback, as mentioned by the gentleman from Iowa, Tim Tebow. He led the way and the Gators won the game 24-14. The Gators' defense was able to hold Oklahoma, the highest-scoring team in modern football history, to only 14 points and 363 yards. This was 40 points

and 199 yards below their season average. Furthermore, my colleagues, Florida's defense held the Sooner quarterback, and this is the same quarterback that was the Heisman Trophy winner, Sam Bradford, to the third lowest number of passing yards of the season and his first two-interception game since October.

On offense, as mentioned, Florida quarterback Tim Tebow showed why he is the best dual threat quarterback in college football by finishing with 231 passing yards and 109 yards of rushing, the third highest ground total by a quarterback in a BCS title game. Mr. Tebow is also just the fifth player since 1950 to win two national titles and the Heisman Trophy. Gators wide receiver/running back Percy Harvin was also instrumental in the Gators' victory over the Sooners by running nine times for 122 yards, catching five passes for 49 yards, and scoring a touchdown himself. Together, Tebow and Harvin made history by becoming the first set of teammates to each rush for 100 yards or more in the same BCS National Championship game.

With back-to-back basketball championships, 2006 and 2007, along with national football titles in 1996, 2007, and 2009, it's clear why the city of Gainesville is now called the "City of Champions."

While the University of Florida clearly has an outstanding athletic program, I would be remiss today if I didn't mention a few of the university's notable academic accomplishments. The University of Florida is one of the four largest universities in the United States and is also one of the largest research universities, housing more than 150 research centers and institutes. It's been the recipient of hundreds of millions of dollars in research grants and is home to the world's largest citrus research center. UF is also currently partnering with Spain to create the world's largest telescope, which will be located in the Canary Islands. The university's latest endeavor is the building of a brand new 50,000-square-foot research center which will focus on treatment and cures for diabetes, cancer, and genetic research.

Now, notably, the University of Florida contributes almost \$6 billion each year to Florida's economy and is responsible for the creation of 75,000 jobs.

And, finally, my colleagues, I am proud to report the University of Florida has been ranked 5th among all the universities in the Nation by Kiplinger's magazine's "Top 100 Public Colleges," with the university's 2005 incoming freshmen class having an average of over a 4.0 GPA and a 1306 SAT score. UF is also proud to have a high number of scholar athletes on its campus, and this is very impressive, boasting an 89 percent graduation success rate for all of its athletes.

So today, Madam Speaker, I'm pleased to congratulate Coach Urban Meyer and all the Gator football players and coaches for their incredible ac-

complishments and for representing the University of Florida and the State of Florida with honor and integrity. It's been a continuous honor to represent this fine university in the United States House of Representatives.

I would like to conclude by commending the University of Florida for being one of the premier athletic and academic institutions in the country and to thank all the Gator fans worldwide for their longstanding support and pride in their team, and I look forward to more exciting football and basketball seasons, particularly football. Go Gators.

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, I wanted to join others in congratulating the University of Florida on winning the recent National College Football Championship. As a 1967 graduate of the university, I am proud of the athletic accomplishments of my alma mater. Fellow Gators have much to be proud of in the many achievements and honors gained by students, faculty, staff and graduates of this great institution of higher learning.

While we salute this athletic win it is important that our university, the State of Florida and all those interested and supportive of quality education programs work together to improve and restore our College of Education Historic Norman Hall. As a graduate of the U.F. College of Education, I urge our State legislature and Congress to aid in renovation of this principal building and center of our College of Education. While numerous other colleges have restored important campus structures Norman Hall remains neglected. If one of our major institutions devoted to training educational professionals remains in tatters how can we accommodate the faculty, staff and future quality teachers for our State and Nation?

So let's not sit on our athletic laurels but recommit to winning one for quality education at the University of Florida and go Gators!

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 58, commending the University of Florida Gators for winning the Bowl Championship Series National Championship Game. As a loyal Gator fan since I was a child, I can remember sitting at the kitchen table and talking about how wonderful it would be for the Gators to just win a Southeast Conference title. We accomplished that feat. Then, in 1996, our football team won their first national championship. The momentum hasn't stopped since we won it again in 2006 and 2008.

The University of Florida was founded in 1853. Fifty-three years later, their football program was born. Since the team's inception, they have played in 34 bowl games, won eight Southeast Conference titles, and produced three Heisman Trophy winners.

Florida's most recent Heisman Trophy winner, quarterback Tim Tebow, made numerous influential plays leading the Gators past the University of Oklahoma by a score of 24 to 14 at Dolphin Stadium in Miami. He was named most valuable player of the game.

I would also like to recognize and congratulate the Gators' head coach, Urban Meyer. Coach Meyer became Florida's head football coach in 2005. This past year, he led the Gators to a 13 and 1 season, bringing them their second national championship in three years. Mr. Meyer is the first coach in school history to win two BCS championship games.

The University of Florida has proven itself both on the football field and in the classroom. It is on the cutting edge for research and technology. The university is currently home to 17 colleges and more than 150 research centers, educating and training future generations of Americans.

As one of our Nation's largest research institutions, the University of Florida is also making great contributions to our economy. It is estimated that it contributes \$6 billion annually to Florida's economy and is responsible for producing an astounding 75,000 jobs.

Madam Speaker, I am certainly proud to call the University of Florida my alma mater. I congratulate them on yet another national championship victory, and I look forward to watching their continued success athletically, academically, and economically.

I urge all of my colleagues to support H. Res. 58.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, as a proud University of Florida alumna who bleeds orange and blue, I am delighted to be an original cosponsor of H. Res. 58, Commending the University of Florida Gators for winning the 2008 Bowl Championship Series National Championship Game.

The University of Florida Gators football team squarely defeated the Oklahoma Sooners 24–14. This tremendous victory is nothing but extraordinary on all counts. The Gators' win over Oklahoma was the third football national title for the University of Florida and the second in the past three seasons.

This victory makes the University of Florida the fourth school in the modern era to win two outright national collegiate athletics title in three years. Additionally, Gators' quarterback Tim Tebow was named the game's Most Valuable Player, with 340 yards of total offense, the third-best pass-rush total in a BCS Championship game.

While this victory is among the many reasons to be proud of the University of Florida, I am most proud of that the excellence of its academic, athletic, and research programs is beyond compare. It is both a premier public research university and a top contender in the athletic arena.

With so much to be proud of, it is no wonder that the Gator nation includes millions of people from all over the world—students, alumni, faculty, staff, administrators, sports fans, and anyone who shares the values and spirit of the University of Florida. It goes without saying that the Gator nation has continued to make its mark and make her alumni and the Gator family proud.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the University of Florida's 2008 football team for winning the 2008 NCAA National Championship on January 8, 2009, over the Oklahoma Sooners.

The 2008 Florida Gators football team represented the University of Florida exceptionally well in the 2008 college football season. The team was coached by Urban Meyer and finished the season ranked as the number one team in the Associated Press poll and USA

Today Coaches poll. After clinching the Southeastern Conference Eastern Division, the team defeated the then number one-ranked Alabama Crimson Tide 31–20 in the 2008 SEC Championship Game to win the EC title. The Gators closed their season after the 2009 BCS National Championship Game, where they defeated the Oklahoma Sooners for the BCS National Championship with a score of 24–14.

In over 100 years of play, Florida has been recognized as SEC champions eight times—finishing first in the conference an additional three times—and were national champions of the 1996, 2006, and 2008 college football seasons. The University of Florida is the winningest college football team in the Nation since 1990.

Understandably so, I know that Congressman STEARNS and the other Representatives from the State of Florida are quite proud of this amazing feat, just as I had the opportunity to rejoice when the pride of Texas, our University of Texas Longhorns, celebrated their national championship victory at the Rose Bowl in 2006.

Madam Speaker, this commendation today recognizes this exceptional team and the University of Florida's athletic program's rich winning tradition. This resolution also notes the extraordinary commitment and daily sacrifices made by these outstanding young men. I would also like to commend the "Pride of the Sunshine" Fightin' Gator Marching Band who performed magnificently and one of their alumna and an important member of my staff, Erin Dominguez.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. LOEBSACK) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 58.

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. LOEBSACK. Madam 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.

#### TARP REFORM AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2009

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 62 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 384.

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Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole

House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 384) to reform the Troubled Assets Relief Program of the Secretary of the Treasury and ensure accountability under such Program, with Mr. HOLDEN (Acting Chair) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole House rose on Thursday, January 15, 2009, amendment No. 7 printed in House Report 111–3 offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY) had been disposed of.

AMENDMENT NO. 8 OFFERED BY MRS. MYRICK

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 8 printed in House Report 111–3.

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Chairman, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amendment No. 8 offered by Mrs. MYRICK: Page 7, after line 11, insert the following:

“(4) PROHIBITION ON USE OF TARP FUNDS FOR FOREIGN CUSTOMER SERVICE POSITIONS.—Effective as of the date of the enactment of the TARP Reform and Accountability Act of 2009, no assisted institution that became an assisted institution on or after October 3, 2008, may enter into a new agreement, or expand a current agreement, with any foreign company for provision of customer service functions, including call-center services, while any of such assistance is outstanding.”.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 62, the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Mrs. MYRICK) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from North Carolina.

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Chairman, my amendment is very simple. Any company that accepts or has accepted TARP funds would be prevented from outsourcing any new customer service or call center jobs to a foreign company.

I'm not aware of any companies that have participated in the TARP that have entered into any new contracts with foreign-based customer service centers, but I do know that our constituents have a great deal of skepticism about the TARP program and how their money is being spent. And if a company that has been propped up with taxpayer dollars were to outsource these types of jobs, it would create further cynicism.

I understand this is a global interconnected economy. However, given the amount of Federal dollars pouring into U.S. companies from TARP and given the fact that the U.S. unemployment is now above 7 percent, I don't think it's unreasonable to demand that American workers are used to fill any new customer service jobs for the companies who are assisted with American taxpayer dollars.

I urge support of the amendment.

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