

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, marine sea turtles are threatened by intentional and accidental capture in fisheries, by the destruction of essential nesting habitat through coastal development, by the poaching of eggs, meat and shells, by the entanglement in marine debris, by ship strikes, and by ocean pollution.

The Marine Turtle Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2009, introduced by my friend and ranking member, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, provides a simple extension of an existing program which helps enhance our conservation of marine turtle species. While progress has been made, the status of these turtle species remains tenuous, justifying the need to reauthorize this act.

So I ask my colleagues, Members on both sides of the aisle, to support its passage.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 509, which was introduced by the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. BROWN), a member of the resources committee, will extend the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to issue conservation grants to assist highly endangered marine sea turtles.

Under this measure, the authorization of appropriations is extended an additional 5 years at existing funding levels. Since 2004, 78 conservation projects have been approved to assist the imperiled green, hawksbill, leatherback, loggerhead, and Olive Ridley marine sea turtles. These projects are making a real difference in the ongoing struggle to save these species.

I urge an "aye" vote on H.R. 509. Again, I want to compliment my friend and colleague from South Carolina, Mr. BROWN.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, in closing, I support this bill to restore and to protect marine sea turtles, and I urge Members to support both the turtles and the otters.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Guam (Ms. BORDALLO) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 509, 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.

Ms. BORDALLO. 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.

CONGRATULATING LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY BASEBALL TEAM

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 616) congratulating the Louisiana State University baseball team for winning the 2009 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I College World Series.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 616

Whereas, on June 24, 2009, the Louisiana State University Tigers baseball team completed a remarkable season, winning the 2009 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I College World Series Championship at the Rosenblatt Stadium in Omaha, Nebraska, by defeating the top ranked University of Texas Longhorns, 11-4;

Whereas the success of the team was a direct result of the talent and resolve of every player on the Louisiana State University Tigers baseball team, including Buzzy Haydel, Jared Mitchell, Chad Jones, Derek Helenihi, Leon Landry, Grant Dozar, Mikie Mahtook, Wet Delatte, Ryan Byrd, Tyler Hanover, Austin Ross, Sean Ochinko, Ryan Schimpf, DJ LeMahieu, Nicholas Pontiff, Shane Riedie, Johnny Dishon, Matty Ott, Anthony Ranaudo, Daniel Bradshaw, Randy Zeigler, Beau Didier, Louis Coleman, Chris Matulis, Chris McGhee, Micah Gibbs, Blake Dean, Austin Nola, Jordan Nicholson, Nolan Cain, Paul Bertuccini, Ben Alsop, Kevin Farnsworth, and Spencer Mathews;

Whereas the Louisiana State University Tigers baseball team's title run included winning 15 of the final 16 games and hitting 13 home runs in 6 College World Series games while averaging more than 8 runs throughout the postseason;

Whereas the Louisiana State University baseball team completed the year with a 56-17 record, including a 5-1 record in the Southeastern Conference tournament, a 3-0 record in the Regional tournament, a 2-0 record in the Super Regional contest, and a 5-1 record in the College World Series;

Whereas the 2009 College World Series Championship represents the sixth National Championship for the Louisiana State University Tigers baseball team;

Whereas the Louisiana State University Tigers baseball team is 6-0 in winner-take-all national championship games;

Whereas this victory marks the second time the Louisiana State University Tigers baseball team has won the Southeastern Conference regular season title, the SEC tournament title, and the national title in the same year;

Whereas coach Paul Mainieri successfully led the Louisiana State University Tigers baseball team back to national prominence in only his third year as head coach;

Whereas Jared Mitchell was named Most Outstanding Player of the College World Series, after hitting .347 with 2 home runs, 7 RBI, two doubles, and a triple;

Whereas Chad Jones and Jared Mitchell became the first 2 players to win a BCS football championship and a College World Series; and

Whereas Louisiana State University's national championship spotlights one of the Nation's premier State universities, which is committed to academic and athletic excellence: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) commends the Louisiana State University Tigers baseball team for winning the 2009 College World Series;

(2) recognizes the achievements of all the players, coaches, and support staff who were instrumental in helping the Louisiana State University baseball team during the 2009 baseball season;

(3) congratulates the citizens of Louisiana, the Louisiana State University community, and fans of Tiger baseball; and

(4) directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make available enrolled copies of this resolution to Louisiana State University for appropriate display and distribution to the coaches and members of the 2009 Louisiana State University baseball team.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. GRIJALVA) and the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arizona.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days during which to revise and extend their remarks and to insert extraneous material on H. Res. 616 into the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Louisiana State University baseball team for their victory in the 2009 NCAA Division I tournament.

On June 24, the LSU Tigers captured the university's sixth national baseball championship with an impressive 11-4 victory over the talented University of Texas Longhorns. This decisive victory over the Texas Longhorns in the third game of a three-game series marked the first baseball championship for the Tigers since 2000.

We want to congratulate the coaches, the fans and the supporters of the LSU Tigers in this dramatic victory. They were rated number one going into the season, third when the tournament began; and they pulled a dramatic victory.

I must emphasize that LSU is not only an athletic powerhouse, but this university is also a premiere academic institution. They offer bachelor's, master's, doctoral, and professional degrees. The school enrolls over 26,000 students, including more than 1,400 international students and over 4,000 graduate students. LSU graduates elite athletes, renowned scholars, and famous elected officials who are changing the world as we know it.

Mr. Speaker, once again, I congratulate Louisiana State University. I want to thank Representative CASSIDY for bringing the resolution forward. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CASSIDY. I thank my colleague from Arizona.

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

I rise today in support of House Resolution 616, congratulating the Louisiana State University baseball team for winning the 2009 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I College World Series.

Louisiana State University, LSU, was founded in 1853. Its first academic session began in 1860. As of the spring of 2009, LSU's enrollment is more than 26,000 students, including more than 1,400 international students and over 4,000 graduate students. LSU includes 10 senior colleges and schools; and since its first commencement in 1869, the university has awarded nearly 200,000 degrees. LSU has more than 300 student organizations on campus and is widely known for its successful athletic program.

The Louisiana State University Tigers have won 45 national sports championships, including five in baseball, three in football, and 25 in women's track and field. Since 1986, LSU's baseball has been considered an elite program in college baseball, making 15 College World Series appearances and winning six national championships. The team was founded in 1895, and it played a total of four games that first season. The Tigers won their first national championship in 1991; and most recently, they were crowned national champions for the sixth time.

The 2009 LSU Tigers baseball team was led to national victory by Coach Paul Mainieri. The team traveled to Omaha, Nebraska, for the NCAA College World Series after sweeping Southern University, Baylor University, and the University of Minnesota in the regional championship and Rice University in the Super Regional Championship.

In the NCAA Division I College World Series, the LSU Tigers faced the Texas Longhorns in the finals after winning victories over the Virginia Cavaliers and the Arkansas Razorbacks. The LSU Tigers took the national title after a grueling three-game series against the Texas Longhorns. LSU finished their season 56-17. The team's athletic ability, determination, and Coach Paul Mainieri's leadership led the LSU Tigers baseball team to their first national championship victory since the year 2000.

As a graduate of both LSU and of the LSU Medical School, I am honored to stand before the House today to congratulate and to recognize the significant achievements of the players, coaches and students, whose dedication and hard work have led to the success of the LSU baseball program as the 2009 NCAA Division I College World Series national champions.

I ask my colleagues to support the resolution.

Geaux (go) Tigers.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I would inquire of my colleague, Mr. CASSIDY, if he has any additional speakers.

Mr. CASSIDY. I do.

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I continue to reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CASSIDY. I yield to the gentleman from Louisiana, my colleague, Dr. Boustany.

Mr. BOUSTANY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 616, congratulating the Louisiana State University baseball team for winning the 2009 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I baseball national championship.

I want to thank my friend, Congressman BILL CASSIDY, for sponsoring this resolution and for yielding time to me as well. I also want to thank the Education and Labor Committee for bringing it to the floor.

On June 24, the LSU Tigers defeated the top-seeded University of Texas Longhorns 11-4 in the third and final game of the College World Series to achieve their sixth national championship in baseball.

In only his third year as head coach, Paul Mainieri led the Tigers back into the national spotlight. The series was sealed by an amazing performance from Jared Mitchell, who was named Most Outstanding Player of the series and who was a first-round pick in the 2009 Major League Baseball draft. Mitchell and fan favorite, pitcher Chad Jones, became the first two athletes to win both a College World Series and a BCS football national championship.

Mr. Speaker, I am especially proud of two players from my district. First of all, there is my cousin Mikie Mahtook. Mikie lost his dad when he was about 6 years old. His dad was also a very well-known college athlete at LSU, and Mikie has turned out to be a great young man. He was SEC All-Freshman outfielder. He is from Lafayette, my hometown.

I also want to congratulate Spencer Matthews from Lake Charles, also in my district.

This season, Mikie Mahtook gave an excellent performance in the outfield in addition to batting .450 with 13 home runs, 45 RBIs, 25 stolen bases, and multiple clutch hits, most notably in game 1 of the championship series.

Spencer recently represented the Thomasville Hi-Toms in the Coastal Plain League All-Star game, a wooden bat summer league for college players in Wilmington, North Carolina. He pitched a scoreless fifth inning in the game, allowing no hits and striking out two batters. Both student athletes are tremendous assets to the team and to southwest Louisiana.

Mr. Speaker, we must not forget that, foremost, these student athletes perform just as hard in the classroom as they do on the baseball field. I am proud to announce that 11 members of this national championship team were placed on the 2009 Southeastern Conference Spring Academic Honor Roll. Each student athlete must have at least a 3.0 grade point average to be recognized.

This championship is very special to the Louisiana State University system and to my great State of Louisiana. It is my honor to recognize Coach Paul

Mainieri and the 2009 LSU Tigers baseball team for all of its accomplishments this season and for bringing home the College World Series title.

I also want to commend the families of these players, coaches and support staff and the very loyal, very vocal LSU baseball fans who have come to recognize Omaha as a home away from home.

I now ask my colleagues to support this resolution.

Geaux (go) Tigers.

Mr. CASSIDY. I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. GRIJALVA. We have, I believe, no further speakers. I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CASSIDY. I yield 2 minutes to my colleague, the gentleman from Louisiana, Congressman SCALISE.

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Mr. SCALISE. I thank my colleague from Baton Rouge for yielding me 2 minutes, and it's also good to follow up my colleague from Lafayette rising in support of this resolution commending the 2009 LSU Tigers for their national championship winning the College World Series.

As a proud alumnus of LSU, I was very excited to see them regain the prominence that they had under Skip Burtman, who won five national championship College World Series during his tenure as the head coach, probably one of the greatest baseball coaches in the history of college baseball. And now to have turned the program over to Paul Maneri, who just in his third year won the national title, winning this College World Series in Omaha, a place that many people from Baton Rouge and fans of LSU all throughout the country enjoy going to, and enjoy celebrating national championships like now. They did with the sixth national championship, making them number two behind all college teams in the history of college baseball.

So there were a number of notable achievements. Of course, you've got to congratulate the coaches and the players, and the entire LSU community for what they've done, but there were some distinctions. Chad Jones and Jared Mitchell became the first two teammates who actually won a BCS national championship being on the 2007 football national championship team and also being on the team that won the College World Series. So some notable achievements there. And the entire LSU faculty, of course. The LSU program generates hundreds of thousands of dollars that go back to the academic programs and the great academics at LSU as well.

So, again, I thank my colleague. I'm proud to cosponsor this resolution, and I urge all of my colleagues to support it.

Geaux (go) Tigers.

Mr. CASSIDY. I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GRIJALVA. I yield back the balance of our time, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. GRIJALVA) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 616.

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. CASSIDY. 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.

MORRIS K. UDALL SCHOLARSHIP AND EXCELLENCE IN NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2009

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1035) to amend the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 to honor the legacy of Stewart L. Udall, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1035

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Amendments Act of 2009".

SEC. 2. SHORT TITLE.

Section 1 of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 (20 U.S.C. 5601 note; Public Law 102-259) is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 1. SHORT TITLE.

"This Act may be cited as the 'Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation Act'."

SEC. 3. FINDINGS.

Section 3 of the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation Act (20 U.S.C. 5601) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (3), by striking "and" at the end;

(2) in paragraph (4), by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

"(5) the Foundation—

"(A) since 1995, has operated exceptional scholarship, internship, and fellowship programs for areas of study related to the environment and Native American tribal policy and health care;

"(B) since 1999, has provided valuable environmental conflict resolution services and leadership through the United States Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution; and

"(C) is committed to continue making a substantial contribution toward public policy in the future by—

"(i) playing a significant role in developing the next generation of environmental and Native American leaders; and

"(ii) working with current leaders to improve decisionmaking—

"(I) challenging environmental, energy, and related economic problems; and

"(II) tribal governance and economic issues;

"(6) Stewart L. Udall, as a member of Congress, Secretary of the Interior, environmental lawyer, and author, has provided distinguished national leadership in environmental and Native American policy for more than 50 years;

"(7) as Secretary of the Interior from 1961 to 1969, Stewart L. Udall oversaw the creation of 4 national parks, 6 national monuments, 8 national seashores and lakeshores, 9 recreation areas, 20 historic sites, and 56 wildlife refuges; and

"(8) it is fitting that the leadership and vision of Stewart L. Udall in the areas of environmental and Native American policy be jointly honored with that of Morris K. Udall through the foundation bearing the Udall name."

SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.

Section 4 of the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation Act (20 U.S.C. 5602) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking "Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy";

(2) in paragraph (5), by striking "Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy" and inserting "and Stewart L. Udall"; and

(3) in paragraph (9), by striking "Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy" and inserting "and Stewart L. Udall".

SEC. 5. ESTABLISHMENT OF FOUNDATION.

Section 5 of the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation Act (20 U.S.C. 5603) is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by striking "SCHOLARSHIP AND EXCELLENCE IN NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY" and inserting "AND STEWART L. UDALL";

(2) in subsection (a), by striking "Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy" and inserting "and Stewart L. Udall"; and

(3) in subsection (f)(2), by striking "the rate specified for employees in level IV of the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of title 5, United States Code" and inserting "a rate determined by the Board in accordance with section 5383 of title 5, United States Code".

SEC. 6. AUTHORITY OF FOUNDATION.

Section 7 of the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation Act (20 U.S.C. 5605) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(5)—

(A) in subparagraph (C), by striking "and" at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (D), by striking the period at the end and inserting "and"; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

"(E) to conduct training, research, and other activities under section 6(7)."; and

(2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the following:

"(b) UDALL SCHOLARS.—Recipients of scholarships, fellowships, and internships under this Act shall be known as 'Udall Scholars', 'Udall Fellows', and 'Udall Interns', respectively."

SEC. 7. ESTABLISHMENT OF TRUST FUND.

Section 8 of the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation Act (20 U.S.C. 5606) is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by striking "SCHOLARSHIP AND EXCELLENCE IN NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY" and inserting "AND STEWART L. UDALL"; and

(2) in subsection (a), by striking "Scholarship and Excellence in National Environ-

mental Policy" and inserting "and Stewart L. Udall".

SEC. 8. EXPENDITURES AND AUDIT OF TRUST FUND.

Section 9(a) of the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation Act (20 U.S.C. 5607(a)) is amended by inserting before the period at the end the following: "including a reasonable amount for official reception and representation expenses, as determined by the Board, not to exceed \$5,000 for a fiscal year".

SEC. 9. USE OF INSTITUTE BY FEDERAL AGENCY OR OTHER ENTITY.

Section 11 of the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation Act (20 U.S.C. 5607b) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(f) AGENCY MANAGEMENT OR CONTROL.—Use of the Foundation or Institute to provide independent and impartial assessment, mediation, or other dispute or conflict resolution under this section shall not be considered to be the establishment or use of an advisory committee within the meaning of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.)."

SEC. 10. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.

Section 12(a) of the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation Act (20 U.S.C. 5608(a)) is amended—

(1) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

"(1)(A) appoint such personnel as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act, without regard to the provisions of title 5, United States Code, governing appointments in the competitive service; and

"(B) fix the compensation of the personnel appointed under subparagraph (A) at a rate not to exceed the maximum rate for employees in grade GS-15 of the General Schedule under section 5332 of title 5, United States Code, except that up to 4 employees (in addition to the Executive Director under section 5(f)(2)) may be paid at a rate determined by the Board in accordance with section 5383 of that title.";

(2) in paragraph (6), by striking "and" at the end;

(3) by redesignating paragraph (7) as paragraph (8); and

(4) by inserting after paragraph (6) the following:

"(7) to rent office space in the District of Columbia or its environs; and".

SEC. 11. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 13 of the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation Act (20 U.S.C. 5609) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking "is authorized to be appropriated to the Trust Fund \$40,000,000" and inserting "are authorized to be appropriated to the Trust Fund such sums as are necessary"; and

(2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the following:

"(b) ENVIRONMENTAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION FUND.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Environmental Dispute Resolution Fund established under section 10(a) such sums as are necessary for the operating costs of the Institute."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. GRIJALVA) and the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arizona.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I request 5 legislative days during which Members may revise and extend and insert extraneous material on H.R. 1035 into the RECORD.