

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Pennsylvania for his remarks in support of this measure and also Ms. KILPATRICK for bringing this measure forward. I, again, commend Howard University law school for its continuing commitment to equality, justice and opportunity for all, and urge all of my colleagues to vote for this measure.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 684, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### RECOGNIZING 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF WESTERN WYOMING COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 696) acknowledging and congratulating Western Wyoming Community College in Southwest Wyoming on the occasion of its 50th anniversary of service to the students and citizens of the State of Wyoming.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

##### H. RES. 696

Whereas Western Wyoming Community College was established in 1959 through the efforts of a citizens committee and a general election that formed the original district;

Whereas the College began classes in Rock Springs High School, moved to the Reliance School, and then finally moved to its present College Drive location in Rock Springs in 1969;

Whereas the College opened an extended campus in Green River in 1975;

Whereas these expansions were made possible in part by the Sweetwater County voters, who approved 3 general obligation bond issues, leading to the construction of Western's current award-winning structure;

Whereas the College's service area now encompasses all of Southwestern Wyoming, including Sweetwater, Uinta, Carbon, Sublette, and Lincoln counties;

Whereas the College has grown from serving 40 students during the fall semester of 1959 to currently serving over 4,000 credit and 2,000 community education students each semester;

Whereas the College adheres to its Guiding Principles: "Learning is our Purpose", "Students are our Focus", "Employees are our Most Important Resource", "The Community is our Partner", "Adapting to Change Defines our Future", and "Ethical Standards Guide our Actions";

Whereas the College embodies these principles in its motto: "A commitment to quality and success";

Whereas the College is a valued partner with industry, education, and local business in its service area to provide transfer and technical education, workforce training, cultural and athletic activities, and community education courses;

Whereas the College is the fifth of 7 comprehensive community colleges in Wyoming, and a vital part of Wyoming's higher education system;

Whereas the transfer agreement between Wyoming's community colleges and the University of Wyoming creates a seamless transition for students wishing to continue their education; and

Whereas the fall of 2009 marks the 50th anniversary of the establishment of Western Wyoming Community College: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives acknowledges and congratulates Western Wyoming Community College in Southwest Wyoming on the occasion of its 50th anniversary of service to the students and citizens of the State of Wyoming.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Hawaii.

##### GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, I request 5 legislative days during which Members may revise and extend and insert extraneous material on H. Res. 696 into the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Hawaii?

There was no objection.

Ms. HIRONO. I yield myself such time as I may consume. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 696, which celebrates Western Wyoming Community College's 50th year of service to the students and the State of Wyoming.

Established in 1959, a local citizens committee and a general election led to Western Wyoming Community College. Beginning with only 40 community college students and occupying the local high school facilities, WWCC has emerged as a vital part of the southwestern Wyoming community that prepares graduates for advanced degrees and workforce readiness.

WWCC is a comprehensive community college that provides a great foundation for students because of its small class sizes, hands-on learning experiences, and highly qualified instructors. WWCC truly succeeds at educating its students. In 2008, 100 percent of the nursing class passed the State exam.

Today, Western Wyoming Community College enrolls over 3,000 students and offers a wide range of courses. With nine academic programs, 70 concentrations, \$3 million worth of financial aid, and moderate undergraduate tuition, WWCC provides an affordable and diverse academic education for many students living in the surrounding area.

The college prides itself on responding to the changing needs of local businesses and industries, primarily mining and energy, with exceptional academic and technical programs. Its success is based on a strong history of collaboration with local industries.

With that said, WWCC lives up to its motto: "A commitment to quality and

success." I commend Representative LUMMIS for bringing this resolution forward. Again, I want to express my support for this bill, and urge my colleagues to vote "yes."

I reserve the balance of my time.

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

I rise today in support of House Resolution 696, acknowledging and congratulating Western Wyoming Community College in southwest Wyoming on the occasion of its 50th anniversary of service to the students and citizens of Wyoming.

Western Wyoming Community College was established in 1959. Through the efforts of a citizens' committee, a campaign began, an election was held, and the college in the original district was created. Through the support of the community, the campus has been expanded several times since it was originally built in 1966. Student numbers have increased from 40 in 1959 to over 5,000 in 2002.

Western Wyoming Community College has grown almost every year and is now one of the seven community colleges that serve the State of Wyoming. The main campus is located in Rock Springs, Wyoming, and, together with an extended campus located in Green River, comprises the fourth-largest population center in Wyoming.

WWCC offers a variety of educational services to the community. They offer 2-year transfer programs for students pursuing a baccalaureate, 2-year occupational degrees, and a number of occupational certificate programs. The college has programs in humanities and fine arts; social science; science and mathematics; business; technology and industry; and health science.

Western's mission statement reflects the dedication to education that has led WWCC to become the successful institution it is today. Of the 293 first-time, full-time students that enrolled in WWCC in 2005, 72 percent graduated or went on to other higher education institutions by 2008.

The mission of WWCC is to provide access to postsecondary educational opportunities by offering broad, comprehensive programs in academic as well as vocational technical subjects. Committed to quality and success, Western encourages flexibility, innovation, and active learning for students, faculty, and staff.

Western Wyoming Community College celebrates the 50th anniversary of their founding this month. For 50 years, WWCC has provided a quality education to the people of their community, allowing them to further their careers and better their lives.

I thank Representative LUMMIS of Wyoming for introducing this resolution. I congratulate Western Wyoming Community College. I ask my colleagues to support this resolution.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. HIRONO. I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from Wyoming (Mrs. LUMMIS).

Mrs. LUMMIS. I rise today in support of House Resolution 696 and in recognition of the 50 years of achievement in service by Western Wyoming Community College. I further wish to thank the gentlelady from Hawaii and the gentleman from Pennsylvania for their support of this resolution.

As the gentlelady from Hawaii pointed out, Western began in fall of 1959, serving only 40 students out of Rock Springs High School. Today, they have an award-winning campus on College Drive in Rock Springs as well as an extended campus in Green River, which collectively serve 4,000 credits and 2,000 community education students each semester.

Western serves Sweetwater, Uinta, Carbon, Sublette, and Lincoln Counties, all in southwest Wyoming. It is a valued partner with industry, education and local business in its service area to provide transfer and technical education, workforce training, cultural and athletic activities, and community education courses.

Like many educational institutions across the Nation, Western adheres to a set of altruistic guiding principles: Learning is our Purpose; Students are our Focus; Employees are our Most Important Resource; the Community is our Partner; Adapting to Change Defines our Future; and, Ethical Standards Guide our Actions. And it embodies these principles in its motto: "A commitment to quality and success."

Across our Nation, community colleges play a vital role in the higher education system. No State feels their significance more than the State of Wyoming.

Wyoming is almost 100,000 square miles and is served by only one 4-year university. Western is the fifth of seven comprehensive community colleges that bridge this geographic span, making college affordable and accessible across the State of Wyoming.

The seven community colleges across Wyoming allow some students to complete their education with technical training or a 2-year associates degree, while others transfer earned credit to continue and receive their bachelor degrees and beyond.

Making the goals of many students even more accessible is the seamless transfer agreement between the University of Wyoming and the community colleges, allowing students to continue their education in Laramie without loss of credits in the move.

So in recognition of the Western Mustangs, their 50th anniversary, and to community colleges across Wyoming and the Nation, I ask my colleagues to celebrate Western's achievements with me today.

Western will be celebrating as a campus from this Saturday, September 26, through the following Sunday, October 4. Please help me in having the U.S.

House of Representatives celebrate this achievement with them by passing House Resolution 696.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, having no additional speakers, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. HIRONO. I want to thank the gentlelady from Wyoming for bringing this forward, because community colleges all across the country play a pivotal role in providing educational opportunities for our citizens. I, of course, congratulate WWCC on its 50th anniversary.

I yield back the balance of my time. The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 696.

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. HIRONO. 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 THE WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BOWLING TEAMS

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 455) congratulating the Wichita State University men's and women's bowling teams for winning the 2009 United States Bowling Congress Intercollegiate Bowling National Championship, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

##### H. RES. 455

Whereas the Wichita State University (WSU) men's and women's bowling teams won the 2009 United States Bowling Congress (USBC) Intercollegiate Bowling National Championship in Rockford, Illinois, on April 15-18, 2009;

Whereas the WSU men's team defeated the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Webber International University and advanced to the finals, where they defeated Saginaw Valley State University two games to one in a best of three series to win the championship;

Whereas the WSU women's team defeated Ball State University, Fresno State University, and McKendree University and advanced to the finals, where they defeated Lindenwood University two games to zero to win the championship;

Whereas the WSU men's team has won nine USBC Intercollegiate Bowling National Championships, in 1980, 1987, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1998, 2003, 2008, and 2009, and has advanced to the national tournament a record 29 times;

Whereas the WSU women's team has won nine USBC Intercollegiate Bowling National

Championships, in 1975, 1977, 1978, 1986, 1990, 1994, 2005, 2007, and 2009, and has advanced to the national tournament a record 34 times;

Whereas head coach Gordon Vadakin has led the men's and women's teams to a combined 32 USBC Intercollegiate Bowling National Championship tournaments and 17 national titles since he began coaching in 1976;

Whereas assistant coaches Mark Lewis, Brian Adelgren, and Nathan Bohr were also instrumental in the WSU teams' 2009 victories;

Whereas the 2009 men's championship team, comprised of Jake Peters, Nick Pahr, Brandon Hall, Josh McBride, John Szczerbinski, Stephen Cowland, Josh Blanchard, Adam Ferri, Kyle Bischoff, Will Barnes, Geoffrey Young, and Kevin Tatrow, won the national title due to the combined efforts of each of its members;

Whereas the 2009 women's championship team, comprised of Melissa Hurst, Maggie Zakrzewski, Suzana Signaigo, Sandra Gongora, Jessica Baker, Samantha Hesley, Mariana Ayala, Daniela Alvarado, Rocio Restrepo, and Samantha Linder, won the national title due to the combined efforts of each of its members;

Whereas Sandra Gongora was named the National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association and the Bowling Writers Association of America (BWAA) Female Collegiate Bowler of the Year, and John Szczerbinski and Josh Blanchard were BWAA Male Collegiate Bowler of the Year runners-up; and

Whereas Sandra Gongora, John Szczerbinski, and Josh Blanchard were named as first team All-Americans by the USBC: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives congratulates and commends the Wichita State University men's and women's bowling teams for winning the 2009 United States Bowling Congress Intercollegiate Bowling National Championship.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Hawaii.

##### GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, I request 5 legislative days during which Members may revise and extend and insert extraneous material on H.R. 455 into the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Hawaii?

There was no objection.

Ms. HIRONO. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise today to congratulate the Wichita State University men's and women's bowling teams for each of their victories in the 2009 United States Bowling Congress Intercollegiate Bowling National Championship.

April 15-18, 2009, college bowling fans were treated to a number of great bowling matches between the most skilled bowlers in the country. The Wichita State University men's bowling team entered the national tournament for the 24th consecutive year and ranked as the number one team in the Nation. They garnered their ninth national championship, defeating Saginaw Valley State University in the final match. The women's team also