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Reyes	Serrano	Tiberi
Richardson	Sessions	Tierney
Rodriguez	Sestak	Titus
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Rogers (MI)	Shinkus	Upton
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Rooney	Shuster	Velázquez
Ros-Lehtinen	Simpson	Visclosky
Roskam	Sires	Walden
Ross	Skelton	Walz
Rothman (NJ)	Slaughter	Waters
Roybal-Allard	Smith (NE)	Watson
Royce	Smith (NJ)	Watt
Ruppersberger	Smith (TX)	Waxman
Rush	Smith (WA)	Weiner
Ryan (OH)	Snyder	Welch
Ryan (WI)	Souder	Westmoreland
Salazar	Space	Whitfield
Sánchez, Linda T.	Speier	Wilson (OH)
Sanchez, Loretta	Spratt	Wilson (SC)
Sarbanes	Stark	Wittman
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Schmidt	Taylor	Young (FL)
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Paul Young (AK)

NOT VOTING—21

Barrett (SC)	Hastings (WA)	Pingree (ME)
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Carson (IN)	Hoekstra	Sullivan
Dahlkemper	Jackson Lee	Turner
Davis (AL)	(TX)	Wamp
Deal (GA)	Markey (MA)	Wasserman
Fallin	Massa	Schultz
Garamendi	Pascarell	

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 83, I did not vote, but intended to vote "yes."

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BRIGHT). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later in the week.

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CONGRATULATING NFL CHAMPION
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

Mr. MELANCON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1079) congratulating the National Football League Champion New Orleans Saints for winning Super Bowl XLIV and for bringing New Orleans its first Lombardi Trophy in franchise history, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1079

Whereas, on February 7, 2010, the New Orleans Saints defeated the Indianapolis Colts by a score of 31 to 17 to win the National Football League (NFL) Championship;

Whereas the Saints' victory is the first championship in the franchise's 43-year history;

Whereas the 2009 season was the best in Saints franchise history, including an unprecedented 13-game winning streak;

Whereas Saints owners Tom Benson and Rita Benson LeBlanc have invested in the success of the Saints and have been remarkable in revitalizing this storied franchise and promoting a strong and united New Orleans and Louisiana;

Whereas Saints General Manager Mickey Loomis has been successful in building an outstanding team by drafting new players and signing key free agents;

Whereas Doug Thornton, Senior Vice President of Stadiums and Arenas, helped the Saints return to New Orleans through his integral role in rebuilding the Superdome after Hurricane Katrina;

Whereas Coach Sean Payton, with the help of Defensive Coordinator Gregg Williams, Offensive Coordinator Pete Carmichael, Jr., and all of the Saints' coaching staff, led the team to its first National Football Conference (NFC) Championship and first ever Super Bowl victory through leadership and a winning philosophy;

Whereas the Saints led the league with an average of 31.9 points and 403.8 yards per game during the 2009 regular season;

Whereas, in the 2009 regular season, the Saints eclipsed team records in most points and most touchdowns in a season and most interceptions returned for a touchdown in a game;

Whereas Saints quarterback Drew Brees set an NFL record by completing 70.6 percent of his passes during the 2009 regular season; Whereas Drew Brees, Darren Sharper, Jahri Evans, Jonathan Vilma, and John Stinchcomb of the Saints were named to the 2010 NFC Pro Bowl squad;

Whereas Drew Brees was named the Most Valuable Player for Super Bowl XLIV;

Whereas during Super Bowl XLIV—

(1) the Saints accumulated a total of 332 yards;

(2) quarterback Drew Brees passed for 288 yards, threw 2 touchdowns, and tied a Super Bowl record with 32 pass completions;

(3) Marques Colston led the Saints in receiving with 7 catches for 83 yards;

(4) Saints kicker Garrett Hartley set a Super Bowl record with 3 field goals of over 40 yards each; and

(5) Thomas Morstead's perfectly executed onside kick to start the second half and Tracy Porter's 74-yard interception for a touchdown late in the fourth quarter were integral in the Saints' victory and will forever be remembered by the "Who Dat" faithful;

Whereas Saints owner Tom Benson, during the Lombardi Trophy presentation at mid-field, said "Louisiana, by the way of New Orleans, is back. And this shows the whole world. We're back.";

Whereas the Saints' motto all year has been "Finish Strong";

Whereas the Saints repeatedly have been called a beacon of hope for the city of New Orleans and a catalyst for recovery throughout Louisiana and the Gulf Coast Region;

Whereas the Saints have positively influenced and lifted the morale of the people in

New Orleans and throughout Louisiana and the Gulf Coast Region;

Whereas the New Orleans Saints are headquartered in the 1st Congressional District of Louisiana in Metairie, Louisiana;

Whereas ESPN's Wright Thompson in his article "Saints the Soul of America's City" captured the essence and importance of the Saints to the city of New Orleans and noted the resilience of this year's team by stating, "It's perfect, isn't it? The expansion team whose first roster was created from players unwanted by other teams has finally found success with a similar group."; and

Whereas the 2009 Saints are evidence of what can be accomplished when self is set aside and a teamwork mentality is adopted by all of the players: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) congratulates the New Orleans Saints, the team's coaches and players, and the loyal members of the "Who Dat" Nation on winning Super Bowl XLIV; and

(2) recognizes—

(A) the New Orleans Saints as the soul of New Orleans; and

(B) the significant contributions made by the team in the recovery efforts of New Orleans, Louisiana, and the Gulf Coast Region.

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

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. MELANCON).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MELANCON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. MELANCON. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, I am proud to present House Resolution 1079 for consideration. This resolution congratulates the National Football League Champion New Orleans Saints for winning Super Bowl XLIV and for bringing New Orleans its first Lombardi Trophy in franchise history.

House Resolution 1079 was introduced by my friend and colleague, Representative JOSEPH CAO of Louisiana, on February 9, 2010, and enjoys the support of over 70 Members of Congress.

Mr. Speaker, on February 7, 2010, after a hard fought and dramatic game, the New Orleans Saints, playing in their first ever championship game, defeated the Indianapolis Colts by a score of 31-17 to win Super Bowl XLIV. The victory is the first championship in the Saints' 43-year history and caps a truly remarkable season for the franchise. The Saints finished the regular season with a franchise best 13 wins and 3 losses.

During the 2009 season, they led the National Football League in average points per game and yards per game. Furthermore, the 2009-2010 Saints set franchise records for most points and most touchdowns in a season, as well as most interceptions returned for a touchdown in a single game. Still, it

was during the Super Bowl that the Saints truly distinguished themselves as the best team in the NFL. Despite facing a formidable opponent in the Indianapolis Colts, led by a New Orleans native, Peyton Manning, the Saints relied on head coach Sean Payton's aggressive game plan and the outstanding play of starting quarterback Drew Brees to win the game.

Brees, who was named Super Bowl MVP, passed for 288 yards, threw two touchdown passes, and tied a Super Bowl record with 32 pass completions. Along with Brees' impressive performance, Saints kicker Garrett Hartley set a Super Bowl record by making three field goals of over 40 yards. The Saints also successfully executed a risky on-side kick to start the second half of the game. And Tracy Porter's—a Port Allen native—74-yard interception return for a touchdown ensured the Saints' victory.

The New Orleans Saints' success in Super Bowl XLIV stands as a testament to what can be achieved through hard work, dedication, and a never-say-never spirit. In fact, the Saints' motto throughout the 2009–2010 season was “Finish Strong.” And they certainly did. The Saints' commitment to teamwork and to the achievement of excellence is both inspiring and commendable.

Furthermore, their victory has helped raise the spirits of the City of New Orleans and the entire State of Louisiana in the midst of the region's continued reconstruction efforts following Hurricane Katrina and subsequent hurricanes. For all these reasons, the New Orleans Saints' achievement deserves our praise. And personally, I want to applaud the team's players, coaches, management, and all those who helped them accomplish this historic event.

Mr. Speaker, let us as a body take the opportunity to commend this year's Super Bowl champions through the passage of House Resolution 1079, which congratulates the New Orleans Saints on winning Super Bowl XLIV and for bringing New Orleans its first Lombardi Trophy in franchise history.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CAO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 1079, congratulating the National Football League Champion New Orleans Saints for winning Super Bowl XLIV and bringing New Orleans its first Lombardi Trophy in franchise history. As a New Orleansian and Representative to Congress for Orleans and Jefferson Parishes, I am honored to congratulate the Saints on their historic season.

I want to thank the 22 original cosponsors and 75 total cosponsors of House Resolution 1079 for joining me to congratulate and support the Saints. I would also like to thank my colleagues in the entire Louisiana delegation for their dedication to the recovery of south Louisiana. We have collaborated

in Congress on efforts to rebuild our region, and I hope to continue working with them in the future.

The Saints' motto all season has been “Finish Strong.” And they did that very thing with a 31–17 victory over the Indianapolis Colts in Super Bowl XLIV. The Saints' Super Bowl victory not only shows the dedication and hard work of the organization, coaches, and players, but also represents a beacon of hope for the City of New Orleans and a catalyst for recovery throughout Louisiana. House Resolution 1079 emphasizes the positive influence that the Saints have had on people in New Orleans and the Gulf Coast region.

I introduced House Resolution 1079 to congratulate the Saints because for the past 5 years the Saints have symbolized the City of New Orleans through their pride, resiliency, traditions, suffering, faith, loyalty, and hope.

This resolution congratulates Saints owners Tom Benson and Rita Benson LeBlanc for their investment in the future of the Saints and their dedication and commitment to a strong and united New Orleans. This resolution also congratulates Doug Thornton, Senior Vice President of Stadiums and Arenas, for helping the Saints return to New Orleans by playing an integral role in rebuilding the Superdome after Hurricane Katrina.

House Resolution 1079 also brings attention to the individuals who made this season a success. I want to specifically thank head coach Sean Payton for his love and commitment to the people and the City of New Orleans, and to congratulate him in being the lone head coach in Saints history to open a season with 13 straight wins and holding the all-time winning percentage record for a Saints head coach.

This resolution also highlights statistics from the Saints' regular season and Super Bowl XLIV, such as Drew Brees completing 70.6 percent of his passes during the regular season, which is an NFL record; Darren Sharper setting an NFL record for most interception return yardage in a regular season with 376 yards; the Saints leading the league in 2009 with 31.9 points per game and 403.8 yards per game; the 2009 Saints surpassing team records for most points in a season, most touchdowns in a season, longest winning streak, most interception return yards, and most interceptions returned for a touchdown in a game.

Other statistics from Super Bowl XLIV were Drew Brees setting a Super Bowl record with 32 pass completions, Marques Colston leading the Saints in receiving yards with 83, the team rushing for a total of 51 yards on 18 carries, and Garrett Hartley setting a Super Bowl record with three field goals of over 40 yards.

For the past several months, I have been reading statements on the House floor about the importance of the Saints and their positive impact on New Orleans and I want to continue

that tradition with a few statements from my district.

Ms. Loretta Brehm writes, “The whole Saints organization exemplifies leadership, professionalism, and a ‘never give up attitude.’ They have brought together all parts of our community, regardless of race, religion, or economic status. Much has been given to our community by their generous spirit and positive actions. If we as a community can model from their success, there is no limits to what we can accomplish.”

Ms. Melissa Smith writes, “All those involved with the Saints organization took a chance on the City of New Orleans. Doug Thornton performed a miracle and ensured that the team had a facility to play in. The Bensons returned the team to New Orleans. And the team as a whole provided an avenue for all of us to come home and gave us the faith we need to overcome certain odds.”

New Orleansians remark about the resurgence of the team and how they spur the resurgence of the city. “The New Orleans Saints gave this city hope during a time when we didn't have this hope in ourselves. They provided people with a plan that depends on discipline, dedication, and determination. We may be tired and poor right now, but we are contenders. We are New Orleans. We are America.”

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MELANCON. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to my friend from Indiana (Mr. CARSON) to express his gratitude for the New Orleans Saints winning. I think that is what he wants to say.

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I come here today as a proud American, a proud Hoosier, and most importantly a proud Colts fan. But I also come donning a New Orleans Saints tie given to me by my friend and colleague, Representative SCALISE of Louisiana, based on an agreement that was made between the both of us. The Indianapolis Colts indeed are a legendary team. Yes, they are iconic and a juggernaut in their own right, but I too must acknowledge the Saints great ability on the football field in winning the Super Bowl. And I want to commend the New Orleans Saints, as well as the residents of Louisiana, for their resilience in a time of great trial, and just to tell them to keep up the great work, Who Dat, and Go Colts.

Mr. CAO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to yield 1 minute to my good friend from Indiana, Mr. DAN BURTON. He and I entered into a little bet, and the bet was 5 pounds of Indiana steaks for 5 pounds of Louisiana shrimp. And I must say this past weekend the steaks were very, very delicious.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. This may take more than 1 minute, Mr. CAO. But let me just say that I have been in Congress a long time, and this truly is one of the most humbling moments of my career. I was so confident that the Indianapolis Colts were going to beat the Saints that you wagered 5 pounds of

shrimp against 5 pounds of Fisher Farms steaks from Jasper, Indiana. And I was so confident that I was going to be eating shrimp, I invited all my friends in and bought a bunch of shrimp sauce. And now I have got enough shrimp sauce for 5 pounds of shrimp and no shrimp. So it is a humbling experience.

What really adds insult to injury, though, is your quarterback, Drew Brees, went to Purdue University in Indiana. It is almost unholy for him to do that to us. And the second thing is the fellow that intercepted the pass that won the game for you went to Indiana University. I just don't understand this. The gods just weren't looking at us favorably that day. But in all seriousness, I hope you don't choke on that steak you got from me. I hope you enjoy it.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. CAO. I yield the gentleman 1 additional minute.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. This is a great time for New Orleans. They have had some real tough times over the past several years. And I think Drew Brees and that team really does them proud. And if any team was going to win the Super Bowl other than the Colts, I am glad it was the New Orleans Saints. So congratulations. But let me just end by saying this: We will be back next year.

Mr. MELANCON. Mr. Speaker, how much time do I have?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman has 16 minutes remaining.

Mr. MELANCON. Let me just start by saying in New Orleans we have what is known as the Who Dats. That is the people that have been loyal since day one. We now have in New Orleans a group called the Renew Dats, which is the group that wasn't sure every year, and the Saints had to try and prove themselves. And we now have a group of people in New Orleans and Louisiana and in the South and in the Nation for that matter called the New Dats, who have now become believers in the Saints.

My 92-year-old mother-in-law has been a fan of the Manning family, since she comes from North Mississippi, and it took her until Super Bowl Sunday morning to reconcile how she handled the daughters, particularly the one that lives in Louisiana, my wife, and the New Orleans Saints versus the Baltimore Colts and Peyton Manning. That Sunday morning she called her daughter and said, "Peachy, I figured it out. Peyton has a Super Bowl ring, so I will pull for the New Orleans Saints today." And Peachy turned around and said, "It looks like we're going to win it."

So with that, New Orleans has seen an historic occasion. It is euphoric in its mood. It is in a new time, if you would, because of the excitement, the love of the franchise, the team players themselves, the coaches, and the people that have made this such a great and wonderful year.

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

Mr. CAO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to yield 2 minutes to my distinguished colleague from the State of Louisiana (Mr. FLEMING).

Mr. FLEMING. I thank my friend, Mr. CAO, for proposing this resolution, and for having this debate today, and certainly other members from our delegation.

Let me just say parenthetically, in response to our good friend from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) that there is another irony that goes along with this as well, and that is that Peyton Manning, the quarterback for the Colts, is the son of none other but Archie Manning, who was present for the Saints from the very beginning of its franchise. So we have ironies boiling over here.

What I would like to do is congratulate the World Champion New Orleans Saints on winning the franchise's first Super Bowl. The New Orleans Saints beat the Indianapolis Colts by a score of 31-17 on February 7, 2010. The Saints are an inspiration to all of us on and off the field.

After not playing a single game in their home stadium in 2005 after Hurricane Katrina, the Saints came back in 2006 to a revitalized Superdome and carried that momentum to rebuilding a city and its people. The team donated money to charities and their time into renewing their city. The adversity they overcame is enormous, but the hope they gave was even greater. I certainly congratulate the Saints on winning Super Bowl XLIV, and I also welcome everyone in America to the Who Dat Nation.

□ 1700

Mr. CAO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to yield 2 minutes to my dear friend from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY). He has been a wonderful friend as well as a wonderful supporter of me in the past year.

Mr. CASSIDY. I thank the gentleman from Louisiana.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of Mr. CAO's resolution, honoring the Super Bowl champion, the New Orleans Saints. You know, I remember as a child watching the Saints play in the old Tulane football stadium. And between the time I was a child and now, there have been some rough times. But this year was different. They started off with 13 wins. They had three hard-fought postseason victories.

I am especially pleased to say that the victory in the NFC championship and Super Bowl was due in great part to decisive interceptions by Tracy Porter, who played football at Port Allen High School in West Baton Rouge Parish. I represent that area. And Mr. BURTON is right, he went to Indiana. But to atone the sin of doing so, he came back and had a Pick Six against the Colts. Mr. Porter, by the way, has also participated, in the week going up to the Super Bowl, in a relief effort for the victims of the Haiti earthquake. So not

only is he a great football player but is also a fine person.

That said, good things do come to those who wait. No one knows that better than the Who Dat Nation. Congratulations to the players, coaches and of course the Saints fans back home in Louisiana and across the country.

Mr. CAO. Mr. Speaker, I cannot find a more ardent Saints fan than the next speaker, Mr. STEVE SCALISE. He represents about 10 percent of New Orleans and a good part of Jefferson Parish. And most of the fans of New Orleans comes from the parishes that Mr. SCALISE represents.

I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. SCALISE).

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Mr. CAO, my colleague from New Orleans, for bringing the resolution. It's really a special time. If you have been in and around the city of New Orleans—and of course so many people have been focused on New Orleans in looking at the bad things that happened to our city after Hurricane Katrina. But we've had such an outpouring over the years of people who have been rooting for and pulling for the city to come back. I think what's been the most special thing about this past year with the Saints in their success that they've had on the football field is that it's really galvanized the city, but it's also galvanized the rest of the country.

I brought a football here, it has the Super Bowl logo, and it represents the fact that the Saints won the Super Bowl. And of course here we're today congratulating the Saints on winning the Super Bowl. But this victory was much more than a football game. Not only do I remember back during the years that my dad took me to Tulane Stadium when I was a little kid, and as my colleague, Congressman CASSIDY, talked about some of those leaner years, I think it's the resilience of the team, but it really starts at the top.

We would be remiss if we didn't emphasize the importance to our community that the owner, Tom Benson, has meant. The fact that he bought the team back in the 1980s, but then the fact that even through some of those tough years, he made a dedication to excellence, that he was going to build a team—and he said it many times—that would win a Super Bowl. And there were a lot of people that wondered if that would ever happen. There were a lot of people that were crying in the city of New Orleans not only when the Saints won the NFC championship game, but when the Saints went to the Super Bowl and won the Super Bowl, because there were so many who just thought it never would happen. But it did happen.

I think the Times-Picayune, our local paper, said it best the morning after the Super Bowl victory. The headline was "Amen" because many people's prayers were answered. Of course, the Saints are named after the

saints. I think we had a lot of prayers from above, but those prayers were answered.

In a lot of ways, those prayers were answered by the organization that Tom Benson and his wife Gayle and his granddaughter Rita Benson LeBlanc and Dennis Lauscha and so many others with the Saints organization who made that commitment to build a world-class football team. And if you just go through and you look at some of the great talent that's been amassed now, you start with the coach, Sean Payton. He did one of the more unselfish acts of actually giving up some of his own salary to bring in a defensive coordinator who truly helped transform that defense into what so many people saw and admired on the field.

But I think that as I talk about a few of the players that I really want to feature and commend, it's not so much the acts that they did on the field because we saw what they did on the field, and it inspired people in the city of New Orleans. It inspired people all across the Nation. And Drew Brees winning the MVP and putting up record numbers and 32 completions, a Super Bowl record. And Garrett Hartley with three-for-three field goal attempts and three over 40 yards, setting a Super Bowl record.

And who can forget Tracy Porter's interception return for a touchdown? And of course the gutsy call that Sean Payton made to start the second half to do an onside kick. All of those were great plays. But it's what the Saints have done off the field that has really formed a unique bond between the Saints and their fans, and it's something that we've seen after Katrina.

You know, for those of us who were in the Super Bowl that night in 2006 for the Atlanta Falcons game when they reopened the dome, when people said the Superdome would never open again; when many people said New Orleans would never have an NFL team again, in fact, when many people said that New Orleans wasn't going to come back, that really was one of those watershed moments that galvanized the city, and it told so many other people that they could come back, they could rebuild because the Saints came back. Since then, they've served as great role models off the field, and that's something important because we don't see that enough in sports.

But Sean Payton's got a Payton's Pay It Forward Foundation, and he has donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to do great things in the community, giving money to other organizations that do great things in the community. We've seen Drew Brees. And of course Drew Brees, he has gotten so many accolades on the field. But off the field, he has gotten accolades as well. His Brees Dream Foundation has donated \$4.5 million to various causes throughout the city, done wonderful things, helped young kids. He was the 2006 Walter Payton Man of the Year, just an incredibly high-quality person

who has gotten involved in the community.

I want to talk about Reggie Bush finally. Today, by the way, is Reggie Bush's birthday. Reggie Bush wears number 25 on the field, and today is his 25th birthday. So we want to say happy birthday to Reggie Bush. But through Reggie Bush's 619 Foundation, he has donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to the community. And in fact, Tad Gormley Field, which is a field where many of the high schools in New Orleans play their football games, he donated \$86,000 to rebuild that field after Katrina so that so many young people not only can look up to athletes as role models but also can have the opportunity to go and participate and learn about sports.

So it's been an incredible opportunity. We appreciate what the Saints have done on the field, but we also appreciate what Tom Benson and his leadership and the team have done off the field too.

Mr. CAO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to yield 2 minutes to the distinguished Member from the State of Louisiana, Dr. BOUSTANY. Dr. BOUSTANY has been a wonderful friend to me as well as a wonderful mentor, and it's always good to know that there will always be a great person for me to lean on.

Mr. BOUSTANY. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend and colleague Mr. CAO for giving me time and for bringing this resolution to the floor which I wholeheartedly support, congratulating the New Orleans Saints for winning Super Bowl XLIV and bringing this long overdue NFL championship to south Louisiana.

You know, I was talking to some businessmen back home in my district who told me after the victory that they're starting to see out-of-state business opportunities come up as a result of the new-found spirit that's come about following this great Super Bowl victory, and it's a wonderful thing for Louisiana.

After 43 years without reaching the Super Bowl, the Saints did it. They finally did it, and it's been a great victory for all of us. It's great for our State. Leading that charge was Super Bowl MVP quarterback Drew Brees, who completed 32 out of 39 pass attempts for 288 yards, two touchdowns. And Louisiana native Tracy Porter, whose 74-yard interception returned for a touchdown sealed this game.

But I am really especially proud of one player from my district. He is a graduate of Opelousas High School, wide receiver Devery Henderson. He is in his sixth season with the Saints. He caught 68 passes for 867 yards this year and four touchdowns, and he played a key role on offense in the Super Bowl, catching seven important passes for a total of 63 yards.

This is truly a very special occasion for the Who Dat Nation, all of our Saints fans in Louisiana and around this great country. We want to honor Sean Payton for his genius and what he

has brought to the Saints organization, and for the entire Saints family, the organization, for what they've done for New Orleans and the rest of the Saints. We are exceedingly proud of what has happened. We commend the families and the players, the coaches and the support staff and the loudest and most loyal fans of all, the Who Dat Nation.

Mr. CAO. I thank the gentleman very much. And because the Saints have been so important to my constituents, I will be making official copies of the resolution to be available to them. They can receive a copy by contacting my office in Washington or New Orleans.

I want to close with a prayer for the Saints, delivered by Archbishop Philip Hannan at the first Saints and Sinners Banquet in 1968. It reads:

"Our heavenly Father, who has instructed us that the 'saints by faith conquered kingdoms and overcame lions,' grant our Saints an increase of strength and faith so that they will not only overcome the Lions, but also the Bears, the Rams, the Giants, and even those awesome people in Green Bay. May they continue to tame the Redskins and fetter the Falcons as well as the Eagles. Give to our owners and coaches the continued ability to be as wise as serpents and simple as doves, so that no good talent will dodge our draft. Grant to our fans perseverance in their devotion and unlimited lung power, tempered with a sense of charity to all, including the referees. May our beloved Bedlam Bowl be a source of good fellowship, and may the 'Saints Come Marching In' be a victory march for all, now and in eternity."

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the great city of New Orleans and our great State of Louisiana, and her beloved Super Bowl Champions, the New Orleans Saints. The bond between this great city and her team is a special one indeed. In the past few years, both have worked together hand in hand to rebuild and inspire our city. No players in the NFL and their community have had a greater bond and love for each other than do ours. Because, from out of the devastation of Katrina, we have all grown and cried together . . . and so has our love for each other. The Saints season this year in many ways has mirrored New Orleans and its climb from out of the abyss. This year's Super Bowl was not only one of the greatest, but also the largest watched event in the history of television. I ask that this poetic tribute penned by Albert Caswell of the Capitol Guide Service be placed in the RECORD in honor of them.

Fat Sunday,
When, Dat Da Saints Came Marching In!
A day they'll long remember, as The Football God's will contend there!
When a Cool Brees blew into town . . . as number "9", Drew, and gunned . . .
Gunned Da Colts Down!
As The Saints corralled em, and put em out to pasture . . . a real "Who Dat?" Disaster!
You see, everybody was dissing . . . this Cajun Country's football team's edition. . .
But, from this City of The Saints . . . where pain and heartache has so been. . .

When, came a rising . . . as a team and a city rebuilding, with but tears in eyes then, their dreams realizing!

For in this land of The Bayou, where hope and dreams and faith somehow never ends . . . Why Who!

As the Colts came into town, as everyone thought they were the real studs to be found. . .

But, from those ocean breezes . . . you could hear those "Who Dat" heart's a beating!

Fat Sunday, When Dat Da Saints Came Marching In. . .

Getting behind early, when Coach Payton . . . said Don't Do Dat . . . Worry!

As Garrett was showing his Hartley, kicking two fields in the first half . . . To Do Dat his part, he!

An onside kick by Morsted, playing to win! Be Bold! For that's how the coach has always been!

As The Saints Came Marching In!

As Drew Daddy, took em down the field . . . so cool and so unreal . . . as he refused to yield!

As the defense was Vilmanizing, all those horses, making them losing stride then. . .

Leaving the Colts offense, with but tears in their eyes then!

For on the bench it so seemed, like Peyton . . . lost his dream. . .

Was forever waiting . . . awaiting to get in. . .

As Thomas showed his promise, as number "23" went 16 yds for a TD. . .

When, in the 4th quarter, touchdown . . . as The Shockey treatment was in order. . .

As it was getting close . . . with Peyton, moving in for the tying score . . . it meant the most!

As he threw the ball, you could hear his heart call . . . "WHO DAT?"

As it was number "22" Porter, saying Peyton, your our of order!

Running the ball back, all the way back to The French Quarter. . .

Gator Got You Manning! As Archie cried . . . When I played, where were you guys then?

As it was one heck of a game, with courageous hearts like Fereeny to be seen. . .

As a City on this night, took one more giant step towards the light!

And Healing It Would Seem!

With, all of that darkness of a past . . . she could smile and she could laugh. . .

And, let it be said, no more paper bags over heads . . . for The Saints. . .

ARE NOT THE AINT'S . . . ANYMORE!

And the world so surely knows, Who Dat? Who Da Does?

Dat Da Saints! Dat Da World Championaints!

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 1079—Congratulating the New Orleans Saints for winning Super Bowl 44 and bringing this long overdue NFL championship to South Louisiana.

After 43 years without reaching the Super Bowl, the Saints defeated the AFC Champion Indianapolis Colts 31 to 17 on February 7th to grasp their 1st Lombardi Trophy in franchise history.

Leading the charge was Super Bowl MVP Quarterback Drew Brees, who completed 32 out of 39 pass attempts for 288 yards and 2 touchdowns—and Louisiana native Tracy Porter, whose 74-yard interception return for a touchdown sealed the game for the Saints.

I am especially proud of one player from my district, Opelousas High School graduate—Wide Receiver Devery Henderson. In his 6th

season with the Saints, Devery caught 58 passes for 867 yards and 4 touchdowns. He was also an offensive centerpiece in the Super Bowl, catching 7 key passes for a total of 63 yards.

This championship is very special to Saints fans, also known as the Who Dat Nation, and the great State of Louisiana. It is my honor to recognize Coach Sean Payton and the 2009 New Orleans Saints for all of their accomplishments this season and for bringing home the Lombardi Trophy which Coach Payton has yet to let out of his sight.

I also want to commend the families of these players, coaches and support staff, and the loudest and most loyal fans in the NFL.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. MELANCON) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1079, 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. CAO. 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.

AMERICA SAVES WEEK

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1082) supporting the goals and ideals of the fourth annual America Saves Week.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1082

Whereas financial security is one of the most important issues for most Americans, whether it involves saving for a college education, an unforeseen emergency, a house, or for retirement;

Whereas personal savings as a percentage of disposable income has risen from 1.2 percent in the first quarter of 2008 to 4.8 percent in the fourth quarter of 2009, according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis;

Whereas according to the Employee Benefit Research Institute, the percentage of workers very confident about having enough money for a comfortable retirement fell to 13 percent in 2009, down from 18 percent in 2008, and more workers expect to work longer to supplement their income in retirement;

Whereas older Americans are more likely to live within 200 percent of poverty than any other age group, according to the 2009 Employee Benefit Research Institute's Databook, and more than 60 percent of the current elderly population relies on Social Security for over three-fourths of their annual income, according to a 2009 Social Security Administration report;

Whereas the average savings of retirees remains at \$50,000 according to the Federal Reserve Board's Survey of Consumer Finances for 2007, and recent financial instability has diminished those funds;

Whereas America Saves, managed by the Consumer Federation of America, was estab-

lished nine years ago as an annual nationwide campaign that encourages consumers, especially those in lower-income households, to increase their financial literacy, enroll as American Savers, and establish a personal savings goal in an effort to build personal wealth and enhance financial security;

Whereas over 2,000 local, State, and national organizations, including government agencies, financial institutions, and nonprofits, have motivated more than 245,000 people to enroll as American Savers through events such as financial literacy classes, financial fairs, free tax preparation assistance programs, and deposit campaigns; and

Whereas encouraging automatic and habitual savings is a primary focus for this year's America Saves Week, February 21, 2010, through February 28, 2010, and that focus is reflected in the work of the Financial and Economic Literacy Caucus, America Saves, and American Savings Education Council's Choose to Save Campaign: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes the importance of savings to financial security;

(2) supports the goals and ideals of "America Saves Week"; and

(3) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling on the Federal Government, States, localities, schools, non-profit organizations, businesses, other entities, and the people of the United States to observe America Saves Week with appropriate programs and activities with the goal of increasing the savings rates for individuals of all ages and walks of life.

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

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the legislation and to insert extraneous materials thereon.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may need at this point.

I rise today in strong support of House Resolution 1082, which supports the goals and ideals of the fourth annual America Saves Week, which was held February 21 through February 28 of this year.

Mr. Speaker, the primary focus of this year's America Saves Week is encouraging automatic and habitual savings, a great need at this time in the history of our country. This is a theme that is reflected in the work of our Financial and Economic Literacy Caucus; the Treasury's Office of Financial Education; as well as the Financial Literacy Education Commission; and Federal agencies and nonprofit community-based groups, private sector organizations, the Consumer Federation of America, and the Employee Benefits Research Institute and its American Savings Education Council "Choose to Save" campaign, a wonderful coalition