

students representing a minority group and about 15 percent of students from non-Catholic backgrounds. The diversity and educational excellence of students that can be found in Catholic schools across the nation has helped to produce students and citizens with a strong understanding of the many cultures and values that make up our community and nation. I ask my colleagues for their continued support of Catholic schools and urge them to support this resolution.

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 1008, honoring the contributions of America's Catholic schools. These institutions provide an education that goes beyond simple arithmetic and basic grammar, instilling in children a faith and purpose that continues to serve them long after graduation. Catholic schools thrive on a sense of community and offer children and their neighborhoods high-quality education and a nurturing environment to grow beyond the classroom. This is on display everyday in the 5th District at schools like St. Benedict, Mt. Carmel, Gordon Tech and so many more.

With more than two million students across the U.S. attending Catholic schools, their efforts are felt in countless neighborhoods and in the communities they serve. They hold their students to a strict standard of excellence by graduating 99 percent of high school students—a shining example of what our high schools are capable of achieving.

Further, Catholic schools' contributions are not limited to those within the Catholic faith. Almost 15 percent of attendees are not Catholic, offering us lessons in diversity and inclusion. These ideals are extended further by minority students comprising almost a third of Catholic schools' student bodies.

I want to thank Representative LIPINSKI for introducing this resolution and urge all my colleagues to support it this afternoon. Catholic schools have and will continue to provide valuable educational experiences for our nation's youth and we must thank them and recognize these institutions for all they do.

Ms. HIRONO. 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. 1008, 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.

CONGRATULATING THE PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1015) congratulating the Penn State women's volleyball team on winning the 2009 NCAA Division I national championship.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1015

Whereas the Penn State Nittany Lions continued a 102 match winning streak, the

longest Division I women's streak, to win the 2009 NCAA Division I women's volleyball championship;

Whereas head coach Russ Rose has 1,001 wins to his name, all of which have come at the helm of the Penn State program;

Whereas the Penn State women's volleyball team has won 65 consecutive Big Ten matches and owns the top 3 winning streaks in league history;

Whereas Megan Hodge, Alisha Glass, and juniors Blair Brown and Arielle Wilson were named AVCA First Team All-Americans and Megan Hodge was the 2009 ESPN the Magazine Academic All-American of the Year;

Whereas the Nittany Lions women's volleyball team has won 74 straight home matches and the program also owns the NCAA's longest road winning streak at 50 straight matches;

Whereas the Nittany Lions women's volleyball team has amassed at least 20 wins 33 times; and

Whereas the athletic excellence demonstrated by the Penn State women's volleyball team is one example of the athletic, academic, and collegiate excellence of Penn State's students, faculty, administration, and alumni: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) congratulates the Penn State women's volleyball team and the university's athletes, coaches, faculty, students, and alumni on the winning of the 2009 NCAA Division I women's volleyball championship; and

(2) recognizes Penn State for its recognized excellence as an institution of higher education.

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

The Chair recognizes gentlewoman from Hawaii.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and to insert extraneous material on H. Res. 1015 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 as much time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Penn State women's volleyball team on winning the 2009 NCAA Division I women's volleyball championship tournament.

On December 19, 2009, the top-ranked Penn State women's volleyball team made history by becoming the first team to win three consecutive national titles and four overall NCAA national championships. The Penn State Nittany Lions entered the tournament ranked as the top seed and defeated the Texas Longhorns in dramatic fashion. After trailing 0-2 in the championship match, Penn State put together an amazing come-from-behind effort, eventually winning 3-2. The Penn State women's volleyball team holds the Nation's longest winning streak with 102 matches.

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With a 30-0 record, a top-ranked season, and a national championship, Penn State has much to be proud of.

Senior Megan Hodge led the Nittany Lions with 21 points, while both junior Blair Brown and freshman Darcy Dorton contributed 13 points in the championship match. Brown made 14 saves, Hodge had 13, and senior setter Alisha Glass had 12. Hodge, Brown, Glass, and Arielle Wilson, a junior, were named American Volleyball Coaches Association First Team All-Americans, and Hodge was the 2009 ESPN, the Magazine Academic All-American of the year. Quite a feat considering the demands of an elite Division I athletic program.

Congratulations are also in order for Coach Russ Rose. After this year, he posted 1,001 wins in his career at Penn State. Heading one of the most successful programs in the country, Russ Rose collects wins at a staggering pace. Never having posted less than 22 wins in a season, he understands how to bring the best out of his athletes and coaching staff.

Volleyball demands extreme focus and composure. The Penn State women's volleyball team earned the highest athletic honor, a national championship. I know the fans, alumni, students, faculty, and athletes will relish this experience and look forward to next year's season.

Mr. Speaker, once again I congratulate the Penn State women's volleyball team for their success, and thank Representative THOMPSON for bringing this resolution forward.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 1015—Congratulating the Penn State women's volleyball team on winning the 2009 NCAA Division I National Championship.

Pennsylvania State University, or Penn State, as it is widely known, is a public research university founded in 1855 as the Farmers' High School of Pennsylvania. In 1875 the school became Pennsylvania State College and in 1989, became Pennsylvania State University. Today, Penn State offers 160 different majors and has over 43,000 students enrolled at the main campus.

Penn State has a strong reputation for its academic excellence. It is known as one of the "Public Ivies" and as a premier research institution. Notable alumni can be found in every region of the nation and abroad.

Penn State athletics are also known for their excellence. The Nittany Lions have won 65 national collegiate championships, 37 of which are NCAA championships. The women's volleyball team won one of Penn State's most recent national titles.

The Nittany Lions women's volleyball team has a long history of winning. In the national championship, the Nittany Lions continued their long-standing winning streak to 102 wins, the longest NCAA Division I winning streak. During the 2009 season, Penn State clinched its 7th consecutive Big Ten title and its 13th Big Ten title in its history. The Nittany Lions

also own the longest road winning streak with 50 straight road wins. Head coach Russ Rose led the team to his 1001st career victory in the championship game.

In the championship game against the University of Texas, senior Megan Hodge led the team with 21 kills, while Blair Brown and Darcy Dorton contributed with 12 kills each. Megan Hodge, Blair Brown, Alisha Glass and Arielle Wilson were also named All-Americans.

I congratulate Penn State and the team, the players, head coach Russ Rose, the students, faculty and alumni. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution.

I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON).

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. I thank my colleague for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, today I rise in support of H. Res. 1015, a resolution congratulating the Penn State women's volleyball team on winning the 2009 NCAA Division I national championship.

Exactly 1 month ago today, the Pennsylvania State University women's volleyball team staged a stunning come-from-behind victory against the University of Texas Lady Longhorns and took home their third consecutive NCAA national championship.

Their record is long and distinguished, starting with a 102-match winning streak that began in September 2007. It is the longest Division I women's winning streak and the second longest in NCAA history. The Nittany Lions volleyball team has won 65 consecutive Big Ten matches.

The women were led by superwomen seniors Megan Hodge and Alisha Glass, who own a career record of 142 wins and only 5 losses. Theirs is the best 4-year winning percentage of any graduating class at Penn State.

Hodge finished her career ranking second on Penn State's career kills list with 2,142. She is just the second Lady Lion in the program's history to reach the 2,000 career kills milestone. Glass finished her career fourth on Penn State's career assists list with 5,799.

Hodge, Glass, and juniors Blair Brown and Arielle Wilson were named the American Volleyball Coaches Association First Team All-Americans. Hodge was also named the Coaches Association National Player of the Year for 2009.

Freshman Darcy Dorton was named the Big Ten Freshman of the Year and the Coaches Association Mideast Region Freshman of the Year.

Nittany Lion Coach Russ Rose reached his 1,000th career victory against Hawaii in the national semifinals, and he heads into the 2010 season with 1,001 wins, all at the helm of the Penn State women's volleyball program.

All the members of the Pennsylvania Congressional delegation and Penn State alum Congressman FRANK Wolf signed a letter to President Obama asking that he and the First Lady host this remarkable team at the White House. These young women have shown

a tremendous dedication to both their sport and their academic endeavors, and are true ambassadors for Pennsylvania State University and all college athletes.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask support for the resolution in honor of a team with the spirit and drive to lead and to win, the Penn State women's Nittany Lion volleyball team.

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

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to end my remarks by thanking Mr. THOMPSON, the introducer of this resolution. I heard him mention the University of Hawaii, which, as you know, is also a powerhouse volleyball women's team. So it just goes to show how far we have come with title IX. And that title was named for my friend and predecessor, the late Patsy T. Mink.

Ms. HIRONO. 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. 1015.

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.

COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA MEN'S SOCCER TEAM

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 991) commending the University of Virginia men's soccer team for winning the 2009 Division I NCAA National Championship.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 991

Whereas the University of Virginia men's soccer team won the 2009 Division I national championship, defeating the University of Akron at WakeMed Soccer Park in Cary, North Carolina, on December 13, 2009;

Whereas the University of Virginia played through 2 sudden-death overtimes and a penalty-kick shootout to defeat the University of Akron;

Whereas goaltenders Diego Restrepo from the University of Virginia and David Meves from the University of Akron held both teams scoreless through regulation and overtime;

Whereas Sean Hiller scored the game-winning goal in the penalty kick shootout;

Whereas goalkeeper Diego Restrepo made 3 saves in regulation, 1 save in the penalty

kick shootout, and was named defensive most valuable player of the College Cup;

Whereas midfielder Jonathan Villanueva earned recognition as offensive most valuable player of the College Cup; and

Whereas head coach George Gelnovatch led the University of Virginia to its sixth national championship and first since 1994: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives congratulates the University of Virginia men's soccer team for winning the 2009 Division I NCAA 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. Res. 991 into the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

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

I rise today in support of H. Res. 991, which commends the University of Virginia's men's soccer team for winning the 2009 Division I NCAA National Championship.

The UVA men's soccer team, ranked second in the Nation, collected its sixth NCAA championship and its first since 1994. The Cavaliers defeated the top-ranked University of Akron team in a penalty kick shootout after a scoreless regulation and double overtime play. This game was extremely competitive, and highlighted the athletic prowess of all the players on the field. After 110 minutes of grueling play, the game was ultimately decided with an extremely intense shootout. The UVA soccer team was able to accomplish its goals, edging out Akron 3-2 in the shootout. Their effort and talent deserves to be recognized.

The UVA Cavaliers posted a 19-3-3 regular season record and finished the season with an amazing 16-game unbeaten winning streak. The victory also gave UVA its 19th school national championship. The team applied the lessons learned during the season and displayed their outstanding athletic skills and cohesive team strategy, allowing fewer goals to be scored against them than any other team in the Nation. Entering the title game, their last goal allowed was on October 17, in a 3-1 victory over Virginia Tech.

Five Cavaliers were named to the All-Tournament team. Diego Restrepo, Jonathan Villanueva, Brian Ownby, Mike Volk, and Tony Tchani. Villanueva was also named Most Outstanding Offensive Player, while Restrepo was named Most Outstanding Defensive Player of the game. Tchani and Restrepo were named the first team All-Americans, and Tchani was drafted by the New York Redbulls in