

education. Her support of education at every level is well known well beyond the borders of Illinois. And this country's educational system is much better off because of her devotion to education.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 862, congratulating the staff of the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy for winning the 2009 Star Innovator in the Intel Schools of Distinction Competition.

Each year the Intel Corporation holds an annual "Intel Schools of Distinction" competition. The awards recognize schools in the United States that implement innovative math and science programs and serve as role models for other schools. Among the 18 schools that qualify for the Intel Schools of Distinction honor, one school is selected to receive the highly prestigious Star Innovator award. Finalists, Winners, and the Star Innovator all receive a cash grant from the Intel Foundation. The Star Innovator is given a \$25,000 grant. On September 15, 2009, the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy was selected as a 2009 Star Innovator.

Established in 1985, the idea, as Mr. FOSTER mentioned, was first created by Nobel Prize winner Leon Lederman, who set out to craft a school that not only would provide children with an invaluable education in science and mathematics, but also train thousands of Illinois teachers in the art of teaching those skills.

Students at the Illinois Math and Science Academy design and conduct hands-on experiments, make observations, analyze data, draw conclusions, and communicate evidence-based principles. Students are able to delve into the scientific literature and build understanding by blending information and investigation through writing. Students are given opportunities to partner with cutting-edge scientists on diagnostics, nanotechnology, medical research, and more.

At the center of achievement at Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy is an excellent staff. They utilize cutting-edge facilities and technology to advance student achievement. Of the 18 science faculty members, 11 have a Ph.D. Numerous alumni are currently working at the head of their fields in such diverse industries as aerospace engineering, biotechnology, forensic science, and academic institutions across the globe.

The Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy has clearly demonstrated a continued dedication to offering the kind of education necessary to create future generations of scientists in the United States, and thus secure the future of scientific research in this country. Awarding them the Star Innovator award not only credits them for doing an outstanding job educating our youth in math and science, but also helps grant them the funds to continue their success.

Madam Speaker, once again I express my support and congratulations for the

Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy in winning the 2009 Star Innovator in the Intel Schools of Distinction Competition, and I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

Madam Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KILDEE) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 862, 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 NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1001) congratulating North Central College on winning the 2009 NCAA Division III men's cross country championship.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1001

Whereas the North Central College Cardinals' men's cross country team won the NCAA Division III National Championship on November 21, 2009;

Whereas all seven North Central College team members that competed in the championship earned All-American status;

Whereas the 2009 championship Cardinals team is comprised of Neal Klein, Michael Spain, Ryan Carrigan, Nathaniel Hird, Kyle Brady, Nathan Rutz, Sean Carlson, and head Coach Al Carius;

Whereas the North Central College Cardinals compete in 22 intercollegiate sports and study more than 55 different majors;

Whereas North Central College, located in Naperville, Illinois, is a four-year liberal arts college with students from 31 States and 23 countries; and

Whereas the North Central College men's cross country team national title is one example of the excellence students have demonstrated in athletics, as well as academics and all areas of collegiate life: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) congratulates North Central College and its athletes, coaches, faculty students, and alumni on the winning of the 2009 NCAA Division III men's cross country championship; and

(2) recognizes North Central College for excellence in academics, athletics, and collegiate life.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KILDEE) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PLATTS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Michigan.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I request 5 legislative days during which Members may revise and extend and in-

sert extraneous material on H. Res. 1001 into the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

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

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1001, which recognizes and congratulates the North Central College Cardinals' men's cross country team for winning the 2009 NCAA Division III men's cross country championship, and for pursuing athletic and academic excellence.

For the entirety of the 2009 season, the North Central College Cardinals' men's cross country team held onto their ranking as number one among NCAA Division III teams, and by the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. The team won their first Illinois Intercollegiate Championship this season, edging out the University of Illinois by 16 points, while winning the NCAA Midwest Regional by an 84-point margin.

On November 21, 2009, the team applied the lessons learned during their successful season and displayed their outstanding athletic skills by winning the NCAA Division III National Cross Country Championship. It was the Cardinals' 13th team men's cross country championship in their school's history, and its first since 1999. The team won with 50 points, and the margin of victory was the largest in the history of the Division III men's national meet. In addition, all seven of the Cardinal team's national championship competitors earned All-American honors.

I would like to recognize each one of them individually, and congratulate: Neal Klein, Michael Spain, Ryan Carrigan, Nathaniel Hird, Kyle Brandy, Nathan Rutz, and Sean Carlson on their athletic excellence. Special congratulations are due to Coach Al Carius who, along with leading the team to win their championship, guided the Cardinals to eight invitational wins this season.

In addition to an outstanding season of coaching, the day after winning the championship the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association named Carius the 2009 NCAA Division III National Cross Country Coach of the Year. Carius, also a member of the U.S. Track and Field Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame, has led his athletes to a total of 18 national titles during his tenure at North Central, and four championships in outdoor track and field, and one in indoor track and field.

North Central College succeeds not only on the cross country trails, but in its classrooms as well. Founded in 1861 in Naperville, Illinois, North Central College has 2,333 full-time undergraduates, hailing from 31 States and 23 foreign countries. NCC offers over 55 different majors. North Central College empowers students to choose or design

nontraditional concentrations, and offers a wide range of field experiences, independent studies, and internships. It is an institute of higher learning from which its graduates include its athletes, which go on to accomplish great things and make important contributions to our Nation.

Madam Speaker, once again I congratulate the North Central men's cross country team and its coaches on its 2009 Division III NCAA championship title, and I wish the program much success in the 2010 season.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 1001—Congratulating North Central College on winning the 2009 NCAA Division III men's cross country championship.

North Central College is a private 4-year liberal arts college located in Naperville, Illinois. North Central has 2,333 full-time undergraduate students and a 15:1 student-faculty ratio. Students at North Central have excelled both academically and athletically. NCC was recently named a "College of Distinction" and was named one of "America's Best Colleges" by US News and World Report. The NCC Cardinals have won 24 national championships and is the only school in their conference to win four national championships in four different sports.

North Central College athletics are best known for their Men's Track and Field and Cross Country teams. The Cardinals men's cross country team has been excelling for over 40 years. The first Cardinal was named All American in 1964 and the team won their first NCAA Division III Championship in 1975.

On November 21, 2009 the North Central College men's cross country team swept the NCAA Division III championships for the 13th time. The Cardinals took first place by a 131-point margin of victory, the largest ever in the history of the championship. Each of the team's seven competing players were named All American and Head Coach Al Carius was named National Coach of the year.

The North Central College men's cross country team is one example of collegiate excellence. Congratulations to Head Coach Al Carius, the team members Neal Klein, Michael Spain, Ryan Carrigan, Nathaniel Hird, Kyle Brady, Sean Carlson, and Nathan Rutz, the faculty, staff and North Central students on this victory.

Today, we recognize and commend North Central College for its pursuit and achievement of athletic, academic and collegiate excellence.

I urge my colleagues to support House Resolution 1001.

Madam Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to the sponsor of this legislation, the distinguished gentleman from Illinois, JUDY BIGGERT.

Mrs. BIGGERT. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 1001, recognizing North Central College in Naperville, Illinois, my district, for exceptional athletic and academic achievements.

On November 21, 2009, the North Central men's cross country team won its

13th NCAA Division III National Championship. Team members, and I am going to go over their names again because I think this is so important, Neal Klein, Michael Spain, Ryan Carrigan, Nathaniel Hird, Kyle Brady, Nathan Rutz, and Sean Carlson earned All-American status, placing them in an elite group of national athletes. Additionally, head coach Al Carius was named 2009 NCAA Division III National Cross Country Coach of the Year by the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Association.

These dedicated young men of the team spent countless hours training and preparing for their outstanding cross country season, ultimately winning nearly every meet in which they participated. The success of the North Central men's cross country team is but one example of the high caliber of the college students in both athletic and academic pursuits.

I think this resolution is a great opportunity to encourage excellence among our Nation's best students. When you think of sports, they say, oh, this is athletics, this isn't academics. But they really go hand in hand. I think as we have learned how important exercise is, it doesn't really have to be athletics, but exercise is in improving the capabilities of our brains. And I think that so many times that you think, oh, well, this is just kind of a little aside. But it really is important.

I am proud to say that Illinois really is the only State in the Union that requires gym or some sort of athletics for every student in the State. And I wish more States could have the same opportunity for the kids to pursue their sports. So this is a great opportunity to talk about excellence in both athletics and academics. I would urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the North Central men's cross country team for their victory at the NCAA Division III National Championship.

Mr. PLATTS. Madam Speaker, I urge a "yes" vote in support of House Resolution 1001, and yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, first of all, I am sure the students and faculty and coaches and all those at North Central College are very pleased that Mrs. BIGGERT is the chief sponsor of this resolution. And it is our pleasure to, in a few minutes, pass that so they can keep it in their archives forever.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KILDEE) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1001.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HONORING THE LIFE AND WORK OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1002) honoring the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and encouraging the continued commitment to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a national day of service.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1002

Whereas the King Holiday and Service Act, a law designating Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a national day of volunteer service, was signed into law in 1994;

Whereas millions of individuals have been inspired by the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to serve their neighbors and communities every 3rd Monday of January;

Whereas the 2009 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service marked a milestone in the service movement, bringing together more than 1 million volunteers who served in more than 13,000 projects nationwide;

Whereas serving one's community for the betterment of every individual speaks to the high character, transformative world view, and everyday practice of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.;

Whereas the efforts of national service volunteers have been a steadfast foundation of our Nation's infrastructure, supporting not only individuals and families in need, but acting in response to national catastrophes and natural disasters;

Whereas the importance of service was recognized through the signing of the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act (Public Law 111-13) in April 2009;

Whereas individuals have the opportunity to participate in thousands of scheduled community service projects and events all across the Nation, as well as to create and implement community service projects where a need for such projects has been identified;

Whereas the Corporation for National and Community Service is working with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Non-violent Social Change and thousands of other nonprofit, community, national service, and education organizations across the Nation to encourage individuals to serve on this holiday and throughout the year; and

Whereas leaders at the Federal, State, and local level are planning to use Martin Luther King, Jr. Day to rally our Nation to commit to serve and make an ongoing commitment to service: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) encourages all individuals in the United States to pay tribute to the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through participation in community service projects on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day;

(2) recognizes the inherent value of community service and volunteerism in the creation of civil society and as a means of non-violent community progress consistent with the works of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.;

(3) recognizes the benefits of the collaborative work by the many organizations that promote, facilitate, and carry out needed service projects nationwide;

(4) encourages its members and colleagues to urge their constituents to participate in community service projects; and

(5) acknowledges that by serving one's country, one's community, and one's neighbor our Nation makes progress in civility,