

Many non-profit youth-serving organizations and charities across the country have expressed their strong support for the recognition of September as National Child Awareness Month.

I am hopeful that President Obama will share my enthusiasm and issue a Presidential Proclamation to designate September as National Child Awareness Month. With his support, both public and private programs across the nation will be acknowledged for their contributions to ensuring our children's well-being.

In the meantime, I would like to thank my colleagues for their unanimous support for the adoption of H. Res. 1219—expressing support for designation of September as National Child Awareness Month as it will serve to bring the nation's focus back to the one resource that guarantees our future success—our children.

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 1219, expressing support for the designation of September as National Child Awareness Month. As schools across America reopen their doors this autumn, we pay special recognition to the charities and support groups who have made immeasurable contributions to America's children in the areas of education, health, social services, sports, arts and character development.

As a father of triplets, I know firsthand the challenges associated with childhood development and the importance of having a strong support system to help guide our children into the 21st century. This September, National Child Awareness Month will serve as a reminder that all individuals, regardless of their status as an educator or parent, can play an important role in the development of our youth.

The growth of our children does not stop at the school house gates. In my district, the Festival of Children Foundation has been a leading advocate for improving the lives of children through social development. Through the efforts of organizations like the Festival of Children Foundation, an increasing number of our youth are reaching their potential, and achieving the possible dream. Sandy Segerstrom Daniels, a leading business professional and children's advocate founded the Festival of Children in 2002 as a center for charities to come together and collaborate. The Segerstrom family is a well-respected family in Orange County.

The story of the Segerstrom family is the quintessential American Dream. The family emigrated from Sweden near the turn of the last century and began a lima bean farm in Costa Mesa. Their success was no mistake—their hard work and dedication eventually led to a successful business that allowed them to give back to the same community that made their success possible. And they did so with incredible generosity. Among the Segerstroms' many contributions to Orange County are the Orange County Performing Arts Center, South Coast Plaza, and Segerstrom High School. The Festival of Children Foundation exemplifies the best of not only the Segerstrom family, but of Orange County—a county they helped build.

Orange County, California is identified by many as a conservative county. As such, Orange County is a family-based community where individuals believe in helping one another—where people reach into their own pockets to invest in the wellbeing of its youth and others who are at-need. For these selfless

acts, we all owe a debt of gratitude for the immeasurable achievements made by the Festival of Children Foundation, Nancy Segerstrom Daniels, and all charitable organizations that positively impact the lives of America's youth.

I am hopeful the goals and ideals National Child Awareness Month will not only be recognized this September, but every month of the year, as the fate of our nation relies on each succeeding generation.

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I stand in strong support of House Resolution 1219, a bipartisan resolution which expresses the sense of the U.S. House of Representatives that National Child Awareness Month should be established in the month of September.

September is traditionally "back-to-school" month, a time when families focus on preparing children for the coming school year. Recognizing September as National Child Awareness Month will heighten the American public's attentiveness to the importance of our children's health, education, safety and character development through the ongoing efforts of the numerous organizations and individuals who help to protect and nurture them. With this resolution we express our support for a month-long effort to recognize the importance of children in our society as they grow into responsible citizens.

It is widely recognized that a strong, supportive family unit is the most important factor in the well-being of a child. Unfortunately there is no guarantee that every child will have a support system to depend on. Thankfully there are many organizations that provide for the most disadvantaged children in communities across the country. Even children with solid support systems benefit from youth-serving organizations which enrich their lives through activities such as sports, the arts, philanthropy and further education outside of the classroom.

I would like to extend my sincerest appreciation to the 40 bipartisan cosponsors and to the gentlelady from Orange County, California, the Democratic lead sponsor, LORETTA SANCHEZ and her staff, for their efforts on behalf of this resolution. In addition I would like to extend a special thanks to the Education and Labor Committee for moving the bill quickly. It is my hope that Senators FEINSTEIN and BURR will quickly pass a companion resolution in the Senate chamber and that President Obama will by Presidential Proclamation designate September as National Child Awareness Month so that the many child-focused programs of the federal government might also be highlighted.

Most importantly, I commend the many local and national youth-serving organizations and charities dedicated to the well-being of children across the Nation and the world.

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

Mr. LOEBSACK. Madam Speaker, I again express my support for Child Awareness Month. I urge my colleagues to join me in support of this resolution.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. LOEBSACK) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1219.

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. LOEBSACK. Madam 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Brian Pate, one of his secretaries.

CONGRATULATING UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA GAMECOCKS ON WINNING 2010 COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

Mr. LOEBSACK. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1491) congratulating the University of South Carolina Gamecocks on winning the 2010 NCAA Division I College World Series.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1491

Whereas, on June 29, 2010, the University of South Carolina Gamecocks won the 2010 NCAA Division I College World Series in Rosenblatt Stadium in Omaha, Nebraska;

Whereas a base hit to right field drove in the final run for the University of South Carolina Gamecocks to win 2-1 against the UCLA Bruins in the bottom of the 11th inning;

Whereas the University of South Carolina Gamecocks showed great skill, patience, and will by withstanding a first-round loss and then winning 6 consecutive games for the national title;

Whereas the University of South Carolina Gamecocks won their first NCAA baseball title; and

Whereas head coach Ray Tanner and the University of South Carolina Gamecocks bring great pride and honor to the fans and residents of South Carolina with this victory: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives congratulates the University of South Carolina Gamecocks on the outstanding accomplishment of winning the 2010 NCAA Division I College World Series.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. LOEBSACK) and the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. GUTHRIE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Iowa.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LOEBSACK. Madam Speaker, I request 5 legislative days during which Members may revise and extend and insert extraneous material on House Resolution 1491 into the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

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

I rise today in support of House Resolution 1491, which congratulates the University of South Carolina's Gamecocks for winning the 2010 NCAA Division I College World Series—their very first such title.

On June 29, 2010, the Gamecocks played a tough game against the UCLA Bruins at the historic Rosenblatt Stadium in Omaha, Nebraska. Tied at the top of the 9th, the Gamecocks hit their final run at the bottom of the 11th inning and secured their win. Although the team had sustained a first-round loss in the College World Series, they went on to win six consecutive games and secure their first national title.

For head coach Ray Tanner, it was his 14th season with the University of South Carolina and his fourth at the College World Series. During this season, Coach Tanner recorded his 1,000th win of his career and became the 44th Division I coach to reach this milestone. He was named 2010 National Coach of the Year by Collegiate Baseball, and we congratulate Coach Tanner on his impressive record.

The entire Gamecocks lineup demonstrated excellence this season. I would like to especially recognize junior outfielder Whit Merrifield, who drove the final run home with a sharp single to right field that scored teammate Scott Wingo from third base and lifted USC to their victory. Over 40,000 fans greeted the Gamecocks at their victory parade in Columbia, South Carolina; and we join them in their celebration.

Madam Speaker, I express my support for House Resolution 1491 and congratulate the University of South Carolina Gamecocks on their 2010 NCAA Division I College World Series victory. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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

I rise today in support of House Resolution 1491, congratulating the University of South Carolina Gamecocks on winning the 2010 NCAA Division I College World Series.

The University of South Carolina, located in Columbia, South Carolina, was founded as South Carolina College in 1801. The university offers more than 350 programs of study from 14 colleges and schools and has an enrollment of over 28,000 students. The USC Gamecocks have 19 varsity athletic programs and have won seven national championships including the 2010 College World Series.

Since 1970, South Carolina Gamecocks baseball has been considered an elite program in college baseball, appearing in 26 NCAA tournaments and nine college world series. The team played their first intercollegiate game in 1895. South Carolina owns a 23-17 all-time record in the College World Series and is 103-56 in NCAA tournament play. The 2010 South Carolina Gamecocks baseball team was led to national vic-

tory by head coach Ray Tanner. In 14 seasons at South Carolina, Coach Tanner has a 634-282 record with four College World Series appearances.

This year in 2010, Coach Tanner and the Gamecocks won the NCAA championship at the College World Series in Omaha, becoming the first team to win six straight games in a world series and the third team to win the College World Series after losing its first game of the series. South Carolina won the College World Series in the final game against UCLA on June 30, 2010.

I'm honored to stand before the House today to congratulate and recognize the significant achievements of the players, coaches, and students whose dedication and hard work have led to the success of the University of South Carolina baseball program as the 2010 NCAA Division I College World Series national champions.

I ask my colleagues to support this resolution.

Madam Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON).

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, it's with great gratitude that I rise today in support of House Resolution 1491 to formally congratulate the University of South Carolina's baseball team for its impressive success at the College World Series. Today's resolution, endorsed by all six Members of the South Carolina delegation to congratulate the University of South Carolina Gamecocks on winning the 2010 NCAA Division I College World Series, is particularly special to me as I am able to honor my alma mater and that of my mother and father and that of many of the Second Congressional District staff.

The journey to this point hasn't been the easiest for the Gamecocks and history has not been on our side, as this is the first time in the school's history that the baseball team earned this great achievement despite going to the College World Series nine times.

During the NCAA tournament, the team faced an opening loss to Oklahoma and as a result had to do the unthinkable: win four consecutive games that included back-to-back wins against in-state arch rival Clemson University. The last stop on the journey was UCLA, a highly respected and talented team in the championship series. The Gamecocks had impressive consecutive victories over the Bruins to finish the season with a 54-16 overall record and earn the title of College World Series National Champions.

I'm extremely proud of the way these student athletes represented our university and our great State. None of this would have been possible without the USC Coach, Ray Tanner, whose leadership and determination has led to over 600 victories, 11 consecutive post-season appearances, and now a national title for the Gamecocks. Tanner's coaching success is complemented by associate head coach Chad Holbrook and assistant coach Mark Calvi.

The team is led by Whit Merrifield, the first cousin of Second Congressional District staff member Melissa Hite of Irma, South Carolina, who withstood a hard collision in South Carolina's victory over Clemson but stayed in the game and drove in the winning run at the bottom of the 11th inning the next night to claim the national title for the Gamecocks.

Defying all odds and refusing to give in, Jackie Bradley, Jr., delivered a clutch hit which scored the tying run in the bottom of the 12th inning against Oklahoma in the June 24 elimination game. Without Bradley's hit, the Gamecocks run at winning the national title would have come to a sudden halt.

Second District resident Blake Cooper, of Neeses, was the most valuable player of the first game of the championship series with an outstanding pitching performance against the UCLA Bruins. Freshman pitcher Matt Price, of Sumter, held the Bruins scoreless for the last three innings of the College World Series and earned Freshman All American honors from Baseball America.

I want to offer a big congratulations to Austin Ashmore of Greer, South Carolina; Parker Bangs of Laurinburg, North Carolina; Robert Beary of Apopka, Florida; Nolan Belcher of Augusta, Georgia; Jackie Bradley, Jr., of Prince George, Virginia; Jay Brown of Brunswick, Georgia; Alex Burrell of Landrum, South Carolina; Ethan Carter of Newport News, Virginia; Brison Celek of Charleston, South Carolina; Blake Cooper of Neeses, South Carolina; Sam Dyson of Tampa, Florida; Nick Ebert of Ocala, Florida; Kyle Enders of Greer, South Carolina; Bobby Haney of Smithtown, New York; Greg Harrison of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina; Colby Holmes of Conway, South Carolina; Anthony Iacomini of Cross River, New York; Jeffery Jones of Ft. Worth, Texas; Evan Marzilli of Cranston, Rhode Island; Jose Mata of Miami Lakes, Florida; Adam Matthews of Lexington, South Carolina; Whit Merrifield of Advance, North Carolina, a constituent of Congresswoman VIRGINIA FOXX; Adrian Morales of Hialeah, Florida; Logan Munson of Columbia, South Carolina; Steven Neff of Lancaster, South Carolina; Matt Price of Sumter, South Carolina; Jordan Propst of Gaffney, South Carolina; Jimmy Revan of Chesnee, South Carolina; Michael Roth of Greer, South Carolina; Richard Royal of Fayetteville, North Carolina; Patrick Sullivan of Columbia, South Carolina; John Taylor of Florence, South Carolina; Brady Thomas of Anderson, South Carolina; Christian Walker of Limerick, Pennsylvania; Tyler Webb of Nassawadox, Virginia; Adam Westmoreland of Cayce, South Carolina; Jake Williams of Greer, South Carolina; and Scott Wingo of Greenville, South Carolina.

In conclusion, I urge my colleagues to join in supporting House Resolution 1491. Go Gamecocks.

Mr. LOEBSACK. Madam Speaker, at this time I yield such time as he may consume to my colleague, the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SPRATT).

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Mr. SPRATT. Madam Speaker, I join other members of the South Carolina delegation in cheering the University of South Carolina baseball team and Coach Ray Tanner for winning the 2010 College World Series.

I extend special congratulations to Coach Tanner for being named College Coach of the Year by Baseball America. Coach Tanner is completing his 14th season at the University of South Carolina.

I also take particular pride in the accomplishments of the players from my district, the Fifth Congressional District, including Matt Price, the pitcher who earned the win with his relief effort against UCLA in the Gamecocks' championship-clinching victory.

The College World Series is a tribute to the impact of baseball on our State. Five public universities from South Carolina made the field of 64, and during the semifinal, a great in-State rivalry was played out on the national stage as the Carolina Gamecocks defeated the Clemson Tigers to advance to the finals.

This win was the university's first championship in any men's sport, and its impact upon the city of Columbia and the State was immediate and profound. It is hard to believe that the Gamecocks prevailed even when they were one strike away from elimination in the quarter-final game.

In addition to their athletic abilities, these young athletes serve as examples of the power of hard work, perseverance, and commitment. They have our gratitude and admiration, and I commend them for their sterling achievement.

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

Mr. LOEBSACK. Madam Speaker, I once again show my support for House Resolution 1491, in particular, my support and congratulations to our two South Carolina colleagues who are here today as well. I know it is a very happy day for them.

I want to congratulate the University of South Carolina Gamecocks on their 2010 NCAA Division I College World Series victory, and I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. LOEBSACK) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1491.

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. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam 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.

STRENGTHENING EMPLOYMENT CLUSTERS TO ORGANIZE REGIONAL SUCCESS ACT OF 2010

Mr. LOEBSACK. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1855) to promote industry growth and competitiveness and to improve worker training, retention, and advancement, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1855

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Strengthening Employment Clusters to Organize Regional Success Act of 2010" or the "SECTORS Act of 2010".

SEC. 2. INDUSTRY OR SECTOR PARTNERSHIP GRANT.

(a) AMENDMENT.—Subtitle D of title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2911 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 171 the following:

"SEC. 171A. INDUSTRY OR SECTOR PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM.

"(a) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this section to promote industry or sector partnerships that lead collaborative planning, resource alignment, and training efforts across multiple firms for a range of workers employed or potentially employed by a targeted industry cluster, in order to encourage industry growth and competitiveness and to improve worker training, retention, and advancement in targeted industry clusters, including by developing—

"(1) immediate strategies for regions and communities to fulfill pressing skilled workforce needs;

"(2) long-term plans to grow targeted industry clusters with better training and a more productive workforce;

"(3) core competencies and competitive advantages for regions and communities undergoing structural economic redevelopment; and

"(4) cross-firm skill standards, career ladders, job redefinitions, employer practices, and shared training and support capacities that facilitate the advancement of workers at all skill levels.

"(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

"(1) CAREER LADDER.—The term 'career ladder' means an identified series of positions, work experiences, and educational benchmarks or credentials that offer occupational and financial advancement within a specified career field or related fields over time.

"(2) ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY.—The term 'economic self-sufficiency' means, with respect to a worker, earning a wage sufficient to support a family adequately over time, based on factors such as—

"(A) family size;

"(B) the number and ages of children in the family;

"(C) the cost of living in the worker's community; and

"(D) other factors that may vary by region.

"(3) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term 'eligible entity' means—

"(A) an industry or sector partnership; or

"(B) an eligible State agency.

"(4) ELIGIBLE STATE AGENCY.—The term 'eligible State agency' means a State agency designated by the Governor of the State in which the State agency is located for the purposes of the grant program under this section.

"(5) HIGH-PRIORITY OCCUPATION.—The term 'high-priority occupation' means an occupation that—

"(A) has a significant presence in an industry cluster;

"(B) is in demand by employers;

"(C) pays family-sustaining wages that enable workers to achieve economic self-sufficiency, or can reasonably be expected to lead to such wages;

"(D) has or is in the process of developing a documented career ladder; and

"(E) has a significant impact on a region's economic development strategy.

"(6) INDUSTRY CLUSTER.—The term 'industry cluster' means a concentration of interconnected businesses, suppliers, research and development, service providers, and associated institutions in a particular field that are linked by common workforce needs.

"(7) INDUSTRY OR SECTOR PARTNERSHIP.—The term 'industry or sector partnership' means a workforce collaborative that is described as follows:

"(A) REQUIRED MEMBERS.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—A workforce collaborative that organizes key stakeholders in a targeted industry cluster into a working group that focuses on the workforce needs of the targeted industry cluster and that includes, at the appropriate stage of development of the partnership—

"(I) representatives of multiple firms or employers in the targeted industry cluster, including small- and medium-sized employers when practicable;

"(II) 1 or more representatives of State labor organizations, central labor coalitions, or other labor organizations, except instances where no labor representation exists;

"(III) 1 or more representatives of local boards;

"(IV) 1 or more representatives of postsecondary educational institutions or other training providers; and

"(V) 1 or more representatives of State workforce agencies or other entities providing employment services.

"(ii) DIVERSE AND DISTINCT REPRESENTATION.—No individual may serve as a member in an industry or sector partnership for more than 1 of the required categories described in subclauses (I) through (V) of clause (i).

"(B) AUTHORIZED MEMBERS.—An industry or sector partnership may include representatives of—

"(i) State or local government;

"(ii) State or local economic development agencies;

"(iii) other State or local agencies;

"(iv) chambers of commerce;

"(v) nonprofit organizations;

"(vi) philanthropic organizations;

"(vii) economic development organizations;

"(viii) industry associations; and

"(ix) other organizations, as determined necessary by the members comprising the industry or sector partnership.

"(8) TARGETED INDUSTRY CLUSTER.—The term 'targeted industry cluster' means an industry cluster that has—

"(A) economic impact in a local or regional area, such as advanced manufacturing, clean energy technology, and health care;

"(B) immediate workforce development needs, such as advanced manufacturing, clean energy, technology, and health care; and