

108<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 142

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## **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

Whereas on Monday, April 7, 2003, the Syracuse University Orangemen men's basketball team won its first Division I national basketball championship;

Whereas Syracuse University won the championship game by defeating the University of Kansas Jayhawks 81–78;

Whereas the Syracuse University team was led by freshman Carmelo Anthony, who was voted the Most Outstanding

Player of the Final Four, and received outstanding effort and support from Gerry McNamara, Billy Edelin, Kueth Duany, Hakim Warrick, Craig Forth, Jeremy McNeil, and Josh Pace;

Whereas the roster of the Syracuse University team also included Tyrone Albright, Josh Brooks, Xzavier Gaines, Matt Gorman, Gary Hall, Ronneil Herron, and Andrew Kouwe;

Whereas Head Coach Jim Boeheim has coached at Syracuse University for 27 years and been involved with the Syracuse University men's basketball team for more than half his life;

Whereas Coach Boeheim had previously coached in two national championship games, including a heartbreaking loss in 1987;

Whereas Coach Boeheim and his coaching staff, including Associate Head Coach Bernie Fine and Assistant Head Coaches Mike Hopkins and Troy Weaver, deserve much credit for the outstanding determination and accomplishments of their young team; and

Whereas the students, alumni, faculty, and supporters of Syracuse University are to be congratulated for their commitment and pride in their national champion men's basketball team: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress—

3            (1) congratulates the Syracuse University men's  
4        basketball team for winning the 2003 NCAA Divi-  
5        sion I men's basketball national championship;

1           (2) recognizes the achievements of all the  
2 team's players, coaches, and support staff and in-  
3 vites them to the United States Capitol Building to  
4 be honored;

5           (3) requests that the President recognize the  
6 achievements of the Syracuse University men's bas-  
7 ketball team and invite them to the White House for  
8 an appropriate ceremony honoring a national cham-  
9 pionship team; and

10          (4) directs the Clerk of the House of Represent-  
11 atives to make available enrolled copies of this reso-  
12 lution to Syracuse University for appropriate display  
13 and to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution  
14 to each coach and member of the 2003 NCAA Divi-  
15 sion I men's basketball national championship team.  
Passed the House of Representatives April 9, 2003.  
Attest:

*Clerk.*



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