

108TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. RES. 303

Commending the Carroll College Fighting Saints football team for winning the 2003 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) national football championship game.

---

## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 12, 2004

Mr. BURNS (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS) submitted the following resolution;  
which was considered and agreed to

---

## RESOLUTION

Commending the Carroll College Fighting Saints football team for winning the 2003 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) national football championship game.

Whereas the Carroll College Fighting Saints football team won the 2003 NAIA national championship game and its second straight national championship by defeating the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Rangers by a score of 41 to 28 at the Jim Carroll Stadium in Savannah, Tennessee, on December 20, 2003;

Whereas the Fighting Saints won 15 straight games, going undefeated in the 2003 regular season to win the Frontier Conference Championship and progressing through 4 rounds of playoffs;

Whereas head coach Mike Van Diest led the Fighting Saints to their second straight championship in his fifth season as head coach and was 1 of 5 coaches to receive the American Football Coaches Association Coach of the Year award;

Whereas Fighting Saints quarterback Tyler Emmert was named NAIA Player of the Year and offensive MVP for the championship game;

Whereas wide receiver Mark Gallik was named NAIA Football.net Offensive Player of the Year;

Whereas both Emmert and Gallik were named to the NAIA First Team All-American;

Whereas 2 players were named to the NAIA Second Team All-American—Spencer Schmitz and Marcus Atkinson—and 4 players received NAIA Honorable Mention All-American honors—Regan Mack, Rhett Crites, Nate Chiovaro, and Brett Bermingham;

Whereas 7 Fighting Saints were named as NAIA All-America Scholar Athletes—Kyle Baker, D.J. Dearcorn, Tyler Emmert, Kevin McCutcheon, Matt Peterson, A.J. Porrini, and Zach Zawacki; and

Whereas the Carroll College community, including the Carroll College Athletic Department, students, administration, board of trustees, faculty, and alumni, the city of Helena, and the entire State of Montana, are to be congratulated for their continuous support of the Carroll College football team: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1           (1) commends the Carroll College Fighting  
2 Saints football team for winning the 2003 NAIA na-  
3 tional championship;

4           (2) recognizes the achievements of all the play-  
5 ers, coaches, support staff, and fans who were in-  
6 strumental in helping Carroll College during the  
7 2003 season; and

8           (3) directs the Secretary of the Senate to trans-  
9 mit a copy of this resolution to the president of Car-  
10 roll College.

○