

team (referred to in this preamble as the "Badgers cross country team") won the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Cross Country Championship in Terre Haute, Indiana, by placing first ahead of—

- (1) the University of Arkansas; and
- (2) Notre Dame University;

Whereas the Badgers cross country team secured its victory through the strong performances of its members, including—

- (1) Simon Bairu, who won his second consecutive individual national championship with a time of 29:15.9;
- (2) Chris Solinsky, who finished third in the championship race with a time of 29:27.8;
- (3) Matt Withrow, who finished ninth in the race with a time of 29:50.7;
- (4) Antony Ford, who finished 14th with a time of 29:55.2;
- (5) Stuart Eagon, who finished 17th with a time of 30:05.3;
- (6) Tim Nelson, who finished 18th with a time of 30:06.4; and
- (7) Christian Wagner, who finished 58th with a time of 30:35.7;

Whereas the success of the season depended on the hard work, dedication, and performance of every player on the Badgers cross country team, including—

- (1) Simon Bairu;
- (2) Brandon Bethke;
- (3) Bryan Culver;
- (4) Stuart Eagon;
- (5) Antony Ford;
- (6) Ryan Gasper;
- (7) Ben Gregory;
- (8) Bobby Lockhart;
- (9) Tim Nelson;
- (10) Teddy O'Reilly;
- (11) Tim Pierie;
- (12) Joe Pierre;
- (13) Ben Porter;
- (14) Codie See;
- (15) Chris Solinsky;
- (16) Christian Wagner; and
- (17) Matt Withrop;

Whereas, on October, 30, 2005, the Badgers cross country team won its seventh straight Big Ten championship with a record-setting score and margin of victory by sweeping the top four positions and eight of the top ten positions;

Whereas numerous members of the Badgers cross country team were recognized for their performance in the Big Ten Conference, including—

- (1) Simon Bairu, who was named the Big Ten Men's Cross Country Athlete of the Year and won the Big Ten Conference individual title;
- (2) Matt Withrop, who was named the Big Ten Men's Cross Country Freshman of the Year after finishing third in the conference meet; and
- (3) Head Coach Jerry Schumacher, who was named the Big Ten Men's Cross Country Coach of the Year for the fifth consecutive year; and

Whereas Simon Bairu, Chris Solinsky, Matt Withrow, Antony Ford, Stuart Eagon, and Tim Nelson earned All-American honors: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

- (1) congratulates the University of Wisconsin men's cross country team, Head Coach Jerry Schumacher and his coaching staff, Athletic Director Barry Alvarez, and Chancellor John D. Wiley for an outstanding championship season; and
- (2) respectfully requests the Clerk of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM

The resolution (S. Res. 429) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.
The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 429

Whereas on March 26, 2006, the University of Wisconsin Badgers won the women's Frozen Four in Minneapolis, Minnesota, with a victory over the 2-time defending champion University of Minnesota Golden Gophers by 3 to 0 in the championship game after having defeated St. Lawrence University by 1 to 0 in the semifinals;

Whereas Jinelle Zaugg of Eagle River, Wisconsin, scored 2 goals, Grace Hutchison of Winnetka, Illinois, scored a goal, and Jessie Vetter of Cottage Grove, Wisconsin, had 31 saves in the championship game, and recorded the first shut-out in the history of the women's Frozen Four championship games;

Whereas every player on the University of Wisconsin women's hockey team (Sara Bauer, Rachel Bible, Nikki Burish, Sharon Cole, Vicki Davis, Christine Dufour, Kayla Hagen, Tia Hanson, Meghan Horras, Grace Hutchins, Cyndy Kenyon, Angie Keseley, Heidi Kletzien, Erika Lawler, Alycia Matthews, Meaghan Mikkelson, Phoebe Monteleone, Emily Morris, Mikka Nordby, Bobbi-Jo Slusar, Jessie Vetter, Kristen Witting, and Jinelle Zaugg) contributed to the success of this team;

Whereas Sara Bauer and Bobbi-Jo Slusar were named to the All-Western Collegiate Hockey Association (known as "WCHA") First Team, Sharon Cole, Meaghan Mikkelson, and Meghan Horras were named to the All-WCHA Second Team, Bobbi-Jo Slusar was named the WCHA Defensive Player of the Year, and Sara Bauer was named the WCHA Player of the Year;

Whereas Coach Mark Johnson, who won a National Collegiate Athletic Association National (known as "NCAA") championship as a member of the University of Wisconsin men's 1977 championship team, was a star on the 1980 United States Olympic hockey team, which produced what is known as the "Miracle on Ice", and is one of the few people who have won a national championship as both a player and coach, and was named the WCHA Coach of the Year;

Whereas Sara Bauer and Bobbi-Jo Slusar were named first team All-Americans, and Sara Bauer won the Patty Kazmaier Award, as the Nation's top player;

Whereas Jessie Vetter won the 2006 NCAA Tournament's Most Outstanding Player award and was joined on the All-Tournament Team by Jinelle Zaugg and Bobbi-Jo Slusar;

Whereas the victory in the women's Frozen Four is the University of Wisconsin's first varsity women's hockey national championship, and the university's first women's team national championship since 1984; and

Whereas this victory ended a terrific season in which the University of Wisconsin women's hockey team outscored their opponents 155-51 and had a record of 34-4-1: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

- (1) congratulates the University of Wisconsin women's hockey team, the coaching staff, including Head Coach Mark Johnson, Athletic Director Barry Alvarez, and Chancellor John D. Wiley on an outstanding championship season; and
- (2) respectfully requests the Clerk of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

The resolution (S. Res. 430) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.
The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 430

Whereas on Monday, April 3, 2006, the University of Florida men's basketball team (referred to in this preamble as the "Florida Gators") defeated the men's basketball team of the University of California, Los Angeles, by a score of 73-57, to win the 2006 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Basketball Championship;

Whereas that historic victory by the Florida Gators was a product of—

- (1) an almost flawless and unselfish team performance; and
- (2) individual player excellence and versatility from members of the Florida Gators;

Whereas that victory marked the first national basketball championship victory for the University of Florida, and occurred 10 years after the school won the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Championship;

Whereas the head coach of the Florida Gators, Billy Donovan, became the second youngest coach to win the national championship, after leading the Florida Gators to a school-best, 33-6 record;

Whereas University of Florida sophomore Joakim Noah was chosen as the most outstanding player of the Final Four;

Whereas each player, coach, trainer, and manager dedicated his or her time and effort to ensuring that the Florida Gators reached the pinnacle of team achievement; and

Whereas the families of the players, students, alumni, and faculty of the University of Florida, and all of the supporters of the University of Florida, are to be congratulated for their commitment to, and pride in, the basketball program at the University of Florida; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

- (1) commends the University of Florida men's basketball team for winning the 2006 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Basketball Championship;
- (2) recognizes the achievements of all of the players, coaches, and support staff who were instrumental in helping the University of Florida men's basketball team win the 2006 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Basketball Championship, and invites those individuals to the United States Capitol Building to be honored; and
- (4) respectfully requests the Enrolling Clerk of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to—
 - (A) the University of Florida for appropriate display; and
 - (B) the coach of the University of Florida men's basketball team, Billy Donovan.

ENDANGERED SPECIES DAY

The resolution (S. Res. 431) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 431

Whereas in the United States and around the world, more than 1,000 species are officially designated as at risk of extinction and thousands more also face a heightened risk of extinction;

Whereas the actual and potential benefits derived from many species have not yet been fully discovered and would be permanently lost if not for conservation efforts;

Whereas recovery efforts for species such as the whooping crane, Kirtland's warbler, the peregrine falcon, the gray wolf, the gray