

H. Res. 515

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

July 30, 2007.

Whereas on June 24, 2007, before 25,012 fans at Rosenblatt Stadium in Omaha, Nebraska, the largest championship game crowd in College World Series history, the Oregon State University Beavers baseball team capped an improbable season, winning the 2007 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I College World Series Championship by defeating the University of North Carolina Tar Heels, 2 games to none, in a best-of-3 championship series;

Whereas the 2007 College World Series Championship represents the second National Championship for the Beavers baseball team;

Whereas the 2007 Beaver baseball team became the first team in a decade to capture back-to-back national titles;

Whereas the 2007 Oregon State University Beaver baseball team became only the 5th team in College World Series history to repeat as national champions;

Whereas the Beavers won 49 games while losing only 18 in 2007;

Whereas the Beavers were undefeated in the 2007 College World Series;

Whereas the Beavers trailed for only 1 of 45 innings they played in the 2007 College World Series;

Whereas the Beavers became the first team to win 4 College World Series games by at least 6 runs;

Whereas the Beavers became the first No. 3 seed to ever win the College World Series since the current 64-team format was introduced;

Whereas the Beavers outscored their opponents 42–16 in the College World Series;

Whereas the Beavers ended their season with 10 straight NCAA tournament victories;

Whereas the Beavers were the only team to return to the 2007 College World Series for a 3rd consecutive year;

Whereas Oregon State University's appearance in the 2007 College World Series marked only the 4th time in the school's history;

Whereas the Beaver baseball team lost 7 starting position players and their top 3 pitchers from their 2006 National Championship team;

Whereas the Beavers are the first team ever to win a College World Series title after not having a winning record in conference play that season;

Whereas Darwin Barney's second inning 2-run home run set a new Beaver record for career hits with 237—eventually ending with 238 career hits;

Whereas freshman pitcher Jorge Reyes was awarded the College World Series Most Outstanding Player after going 2–0 in his 2 starts with a 2.92 ERA becoming only the 5th freshman to win the award in 58 College World Series tournaments;

Whereas the Beavers had 6 players named to the Men's College World Series All-Tournament Team, including pitcher Jorge Reyes, outfielder Scott Santschi, catcher Mitch Canham, second baseman Joey Wong, shortstop Darwin Barney, and designated hitter Mike Lissman;

Whereas undergraduate assistant coach Kurt Steele and his wife Kathy, traveled back from their Saturday wedding in Philomath, Oregon, to be with the team in Omaha on Sunday when it clinched the National Championship;

Whereas the Beavers have displayed great heart, outstanding dedication, resilience, character, and sportsmanship throughout the season in achieving the highest honor in collegiate baseball;

Whereas the students, alumni, and faculty of Oregon State University and other fans of Oregon State University have shown tremendous commitment to and support for the Beavers baseball program; and

Whereas the Beavers have brought pride to Oregon State University, the Corvallis community, the State of Oregon, and Beaver Nation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives congratulates the Oregon State University Beavers baseball team for winning the 2007 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I College World Series Championship for a 2nd consecutive year.

Attest:

Clerk.