

TRIBUTE TO THE ARROWHEAD
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY EAGLES

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 1997

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of the Arrowhead Christian Academy [ACA] 1996 varsity football team of Redlands, CA. On December 14, 1996, the ACA Eagles won the 1996 CIF—Southern Section—Division XII Championship, its first CIF championship ever. The Eagles' outstanding season was further highlighted by earning the 1996 Cal-Hi Sports Division V State Championship as well.

Averaging 45 points a game, this incredibly talented team went undefeated this season, 14–0. The Eagles' unstoppable offense scored a total of 638 points over the course of the season, thus becoming the fourth highest scoring football team in CIF Southern Section history. The outstanding Eagle defense held its opponents to just 116 points. Also, this remarkable season for the Eagle defense included six shut-out games.

Special recognition is in order for Head Coach Dan Finrock, Assistant Coaches Drew Rickert, Dave Wiseman, Dave Marshall, Jon Burgess, Nate Finrock, and Trainer Ben Mulder for their leadership and service.

Many of the Eagles were honored with All Southern-Section CIF Division 12 awards including, Coach of the Year: Dan Finrock, Offensive Player of the Year: Trevor Wilson (Wingback), and Defensive Player of the Year: Brandon Camacho (Nose Guard). Other All CIF selections included: Steve Wharry (Linebacker), Dan Jeffers (Offensive Tackle), and Ben Burgess (Offensive Tackle).

First Team All Christian League selections were: Trevor Wilson (Most Valuable Player), Brandon Camacho (Nose Guard), Steve Wharry (Linebacker), Ben Burgess (Offensive Tackle), Mark Johnson (Defensive End), Dan Jeffers (Offensive Tackle), and Pete Coberly (Linebacker).

Second Team All Christian League selections were: Allan Kavalich (Center), Ben

Ballard (Quarterback), Jonathon Reed (Fullback), and Robbie Ramos (Cornerback).

Other members of the 1996 Eagle championship team include: Charlee Brown, Jelani Andrews, Dan Schaper, Joe Ramos, Danny Lee, Steve Hale, Ben Gradias, DJ Gallagher, Andy Alexander, Jason "Bubba" Robertson, Carl Overholt, Bo Ashton, Nick Selle, and Robbie Whittenburg.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, the team's families and many friends in honoring the 1996 Arrowhead Christian Academy football team. It truly has been an unforgettable season for the Eagles and it is only fitting that the House recognize them today.

MADRID PROTOCOL
IMPLEMENTATION ACT

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

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Mr. COBLE. Today, I am introducing the Madrid Protocol Implementation Act. This implementing legislation for the protocol related to the Madrid Agreement on the International Registration of Marks was introduced in both the last Congress and in the 103d Congress. While the administration has still not forwarded the treaty to the Senate for ratification, the introduction of this legislation is important to send a signal to the international community and to U.S. businesses and trademark owners that the U.S. Congress is serious about our Nation becoming part of a low-cost, efficient system for the international registration of trademarks.

The international system for the registration of trademarks established and operating under the Madrid Protocol, which is administered by the World Intellectual Property Organization, would assist our businesses in protecting their proprietary names and brand-name goods while saving cost, time and effort. This is especially important to our small businesses who may only be able to afford world-wide protection for their trademarks through a low-cost international registration system.

The Madrid Protocol went into effect in April, 1996 and currently binds 12 countries. Without the participation of the United States, the Protocol may never achieve its purpose of providing a one-stop, low-cost shop for trademark applicants who can, by filing one application in their country and in their language, receive protection by each member country of the Protocol.

There is no opposition to this legislation, nor to the substantive portions of the treaty. The State Department is attempting to work out differences between the administration and the European Union regarding the voting rights of intergovernmental members of the Protocol in the Assembly established by the Protocol. Under the Protocol, the European Union receives a separate vote in addition to the votes of its member states. While it may be argued that the existence of a supra-national European trademark issued by the European Trademark Office justifies this vote, the State Department finds the provisions of the Protocol allowing intergovernmental organizations to have a vote in addition to the votes of its constituent member States to be in opposition to the fundamental democratic concept of one vote for each State. They also fear that this voting structure may constitute a precedent for deviation from the one state-one vote principle in future international agreements in other areas. Those differences need to be settled before the Secretary of State will recommend to the President that a ratification package be presented to the Senate. The State Department is working closely with the Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property of the Committee on the Judiciary, which I chair, to formulate a proposal to the European Union, and subsequently to the members of the Protocol, to amend the Madrid Protocol Assembly voting procedures in a way which would provide for input by the European Union without circumventing the one member-one vote principle.

It is important to move this legislation forward at this time, however, to encourage negotiation, and to assure that the U.S. stands ready to benefit from the Madrid Protocol as soon as it is ratified.