

southeast Florida are all proud Tampa Bay Buccaneers, too. Mr. Glazer is a resident of Palm Beach, so we kind of share the opportunity to have the owner of the team in our county, but we also have a chance now as all Floridians to articulate the kind of excitement we felt that night when the time ran out on the clock and we, in fact, had another Super Bowl championship to put in the case of history.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I am sure that people throughout all America join with our colleagues from Florida in paying tribute to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. I join with them in their enthusiasm, and urge swift passage of this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. BROWN-WAITE).

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I was never a football fan until I moved to the Tampa Bay area. I think it was the contagious enthusiasm both from my husband and my grandchildren that converted me to become a Tampa Bay Bucs fan.

I rise today to congratulate the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for their outstanding performance and subsequent victory in Sunday's Super Bowl. The Super Bowl was the most watched Super Bowl ever in history. I do not know whether it is just because every television set in Florida was tuned in or not, but it was the most viewed Super Bowl in history.

The Buccaneers' victory of 48 to 21 over the Oakland Raiders came at long last to very, very patient Tampa Bay Bucs fans such as myself and my family, who endured many, many years of sticking with the Bucs even when they weren't winning. We knew it was just a matter of time, and that time came this past Sunday. The Buccaneer defense scored three touchdowns from five interceptions, and that was a Super Bowl record.

Aside from congratulating the team, I would also like to congratulate John Gruden, the NFL's youngest coach. In his very first year, he took the Tampa Bay Bucs on to victory. We would be remiss if we did not also thank Tony Dungy, the former coach, because he was able to develop that team and develop the team to the point where their defense was so strong.

I would certainly congratulate all of the members of the Buccaneer team and as well to the Oakland Raiders. It was a hard-fought battle. Somebody had to win, and I am just darn glad that it was the Tampa Bay Bucs.

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. HARRIS).

(Ms. HARRIS asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, as a seasoned ticket holder of the Tampa Bay Bucs since the beginning of their creation, I can only tell my colleagues that we are so thrilled over their victory, and I rise to congratulate the world champion Tampa Bay Buccaneers for their extraordinary victory in Super Bowl XXXVII.

This season the Bucs epitomized what Americans admire most in a champion. They won because of an incredible defense and an effective offense, which they built with outstanding talent and refined through extraordinary coaching.

This championship did not emerge overnight. It followed many years of grit and perseverance, during which the Glazer family, general manager Rich McKay, and former head coach Tony Dungy built a winner brick by brick.

Head coach John Gruden brought this sleeping giant to life. Like the leadership of this great body, he united a team of diverse talents and personalities behind his vision, flawlessly executing his championship blueprint through his team's discipline, dedication, and character.

On behalf of the citizens of southwest Florida, I congratulate Coach Gruden and the entire Bucs organization for a job very well done. They have made our Tampa Bay region very proud.

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

As you can see, Mr. Speaker, there is a tremendous amount of pride from the Florida delegation in the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. We certainly are grateful to Tampa's hometown Congressman, the gentleman from downtown Tampa, Florida (Mr. DAVIS), for introducing this resolution. He serves with a great deal of class, just as the Buccaneers were victorious with class, and the fans have celebrated with class.

This team gives back to the community, and the community is rightfully joyful in this celebration today. All of us are so proud of the work the Glazer family and Coach Gruden has done, and so I urge adoption of this resolution.

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my strong support for this resolution and salute the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for winning Super Bowl 37.

The Buccaneers have proven themselves through the years. From their humbling 0-26 start in 1976 and winless first season and a half, the Bucs have evolved into a force with which to be reckoned—the Champions of Super Bowl 37.

As a Bucs season ticket-holder and longtime resident of the Tampa Bay area, I am proud to have witnessed the years of change and hard work that culminated in Sunday's triumph over the Oakland Raiders.

Former Coach Tony Dungy deserves much of the credit for this victory. He changed the character of the team by instilling in them a focus on community, character, and leadership. His hard work, and that of many other

coaches, players and team staff, created the solid foundation upon which today's Super Bowl Champion Buccaneers stand.

The youngest coach ever to win a Super Bowl, Jon Gruden has built upon that foundation and continued the legacy of hard work and responsibility. I commend him for leading the Bucs to their first-ever Super Bowl appearance and victory. The Buccaneers paid a hefty price for Coach Gruden, but it was a price well worth paying, because football's ultimate treasure, the Lombardi Trophy, is where it belongs—in Tampa Bay.

Certainly, no congratulatory speech would be complete without honoring the players themselves. Coming into the game as the underdogs, the Buccaneers stayed the course and fought hard to secure their championship. An outstanding defensive effort prevented the Raiders from gaining momentum. Tampa's defense returned three of a Super Bowl record five interceptions for touchdowns, dashing any hopes Oakland may have had in winning the title of World Football Champions.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent part of the Tampa Bay area and to be here today to offer my congratulations to Coach Gruden and the players. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution honoring the Buccaneers for their hard work and their well-deserved Super Bowl title.

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, I having no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ISAKSON). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. PUTNAM) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, House Resolution 31.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on the motion to go to conference on House Joint Resolution 2, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes, and that I may include tabular and extraneous material.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.J. RES. 2, FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2003

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 2) making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes, with a Senate amendment thereto, disagree to the Senate amendment, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate.