

winning championships, but it is also about making us proud, proud of them as athletes, as students and as human beings, and Mr. Speaker, it is about maintaining the order of the universe.

#### THE DREAM HAS COME TRUE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MCINTYRE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, 9 weeks ago, 17 young men from the University of North Carolina stood here on the floor of this chamber. They came here to visit us in Washington and to visit our national Capitol during the ACC tournament.

Today, those same young men are now national champions. In the 3 weeks following their visit to Washington, they went from Chapel Hill to Charlotte to Syracuse to St. Louis where the road to the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Final Four ended, and with their reign as national basketball champions began.

As a double graduate of UNC, but more importantly, as a father, I was thrilled to be in St. Louis for the Final Four along with my colleague the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MILLER) and so many others, to witness the Tar Heels' triumph, that I also shared with two Carolina students, my sons, Joshua and Stephen.

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Since they knew many of the Carolina players personally, we were particularly pleased to see this team soar from the agony of an 8 and 20 season 3 years earlier, to a 34 and 4 season that exemplified the very best in the Carolina tradition and the very best in collegiate basketball.

With the return of Coach Roy Williams to his alma mater 2 years ago, a rebuilding program began that ended in a storybook finish. Sean May, the son of one of the best ever in Final Four history, repeated his father's, Scott May's, exploits from the National Championship game of 1976. And Sean, on his birthday, April 4, became the most outstanding player of the 2005 Final Four.

It was a team effort, emblematic of the Carolina way, as former Head Coach Dean Smith would call it. There were a host of heroes:

Raymond Felton, the hard-charging point guard from the little town of Latta, South Carolina, which is just across the border from my small hometown of Lumberton, North Carolina, who made the critical free-throws, a steal and a rebound in the closing minutes to seal the victory over the University of Illinois in the championship game.

Rashad McCants, the All America swingman, whose blocked shot and steal and barrage of points against Wisconsin a week earlier in Eastern Regional propelled Carolina to the next level.

Jawad Williams, the senior who could do it all, offensively and defensively, and whose faith and character were a powerful witness.

Jackie Manuel, the 2004 defensive player of the year in the Atlantic Coast Conference;

Melvin Scott, the senior whose 3-point threat often opened up an opponent's defense;

David Noel, the critical cog in the Tarheels explosive machine off the bench;

Marvin Williams, the fabulous freshman phenomenon whose tip-in put Carolina ahead for good in the championship game; and all the rest of the players managers, trainers, assistant coaches, and other critical staff to whom we are grateful for their example of excellence, their patience, passion, purpose, and persistence, all characteristics that constitute the courage and the commitment of champions.

With five national championships, four of them since the NCAA officially started the tournament, as well as 16 Final Four appearances, 15 ACC tournament titles, and over 1,850 wins, the Carolina way is one that represents the very best of those attributes which so many other colleges and universities emulate.

My wife's sons and I were thrilled in March to host the National Champions at the national capital, and we now look forward to their visit to the White House. And we look forward to that long-awaited National Championship banner, when it is raised in the rafters in the Dean Smith Center in Chapel Hill this fall.

May God bless those Tarheels. Indeed, the dream has come true for those who wear Carolina blue.

#### UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MARCHANT). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BUTTERFIELD) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, tonight we have all talked about how sweet and how wonderful it was for the University of North Carolina to be crowned as the NCAA Champions. But Mr. Speaker what makes this team so special is how well they exemplified what it means to be a team.

Winning the five games on their way to claiming their fourth national championship, three different players led the team in scoring and four players led the team in rebounding. Sean May certainly earned the honor of tournament MVP. But the road to the finals required the collective effort of the entire team.

After two easy wins again, Oakland and Iowa, Carolina fans collectively held their breath when the referee's whistle blew in the final seconds against Villanova. Fear of a shooting foul turned into the joy of a traveling

call against Villanova, and the Heels held on for the one-point win. A strong game against Wisconsin then sent Carolina on to the final game in St. Louis.

The game brought together the two best teams in the country. It was a fitting finale to a memorable season and an exciting NCAA tournament. Fittingly, the game was full of tension and drama until the waning seconds. Illinois showed the perseverance and will that had resulted in 37 wins, while Carolina showed the determination, the unity, and the cohesion needed to overcome a team that went undefeated for much of the season.

This Carolina team, Mr. Speaker, would have made Dean Smith proud, because they won using a primary tenet of his Carolina way: They shared the ball and they played unselfishly. By playing as a team, they led the Nation in scoring and assists, and they played at a pace very few teams could manage.

Therefore, on behalf of the citizens of the First Congressional District of North Carolina, my congratulations go to Coach Williams and to every member of the University of North Carolina basketball team. You have made us proud across our State and you have shown us the great benefit of working as a team. Congratulations and best wishes.

#### TRIBUTE TO ANSLEY MEADERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. GINGREY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life and legacy of my late friend and the former Mayor of Marietta, Georgia, Mrs. Ansley Little Meaders.

Known for her quick wit, gracious hugs and dedication to her community, Ansley committed herself to making a difference for the City of Marietta and its schools.

Born on one of Marietta's oldest families, Ansley graduated from Marietta High School in 1964 where she was a star on the girl's basketball team. After attending the University of Georgia, she married her high school sweetheart, Frank Meaders, and followed in her father's footsteps and spent more than 20 years in banking.

Upon the passing of former Marietta Mayor Joe Mack Wilson, Ansley was drafted by many to seek election for the city's top job. She won a special election in the summer of 1993, and was reelected twice more, thus serving for more than 8 years, making her the third longest serving Marietta mayor.

Ansley had a different approach to politics. She was determined not to allow any sort of partisanship to label her. When asked whether she was a Republican or a Democrat, she was quick to respond that she was a Presbyterian.

While mayor of Marietta, Ansley was known for her love of and dedication to