The resolution (S. Res. 148) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. Res. 148

Whereas, on April 2nd, 2007, the University of Florida men’s basketball team made history with its 84-75 win over the Ohio State University Buckeyes—becoming only the seventh school to repeat as national champions in men’s hoops, and the first team since Duke University accomplished this feat in 1991 and 1992, and the first school to hold national titles in both basketball and football in the same year;

Whereas, the Gators entered the 2006-2007 season as the defending national champions and posted a 35-5 win-loss record during their second run for the title, finishing the season with a ten-game winning streak and securing the Southeastern Conference Championship, in addition to the 2007 NCAA Division I men’s basketball crown;

Whereas, Head Coach Billy Donovan joined elite company as he became one of only four active coaches to win multiple NCAA titles; whereas, Florida junior Corey Brewer was chosen as the Most Outstanding Player of the Final Four;

Whereas, each player, coach, trainer, and manager worked his or her heart out to ensure that the Florida Gators defended their title and captured a second consecutive national championship; 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: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(A) congratulates the University of Tennessee women’s basketball team for being champions on and off the court and for their victory in the 2007 NCAA Division I Women’s Basketball Championship;

(2) expresses the Senate’s admiration for the University of Florida men’s basketball team for winning the 2007 NCAA Division I Basketball Championship;

(3) respectfully requests the Secretary of the Senate to transmit copies of this resolution to the following for appropriate display—

Dr. John D. Petersen, President of the University of Tennessee;

Loren Crabtree, Chancellor of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville;

Joan Cronan, Women’s Athletics Director; and

Pat Summit, Women’s Basketball Head Coach.

COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA MEN’S BASKETBALL TEAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 148.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 148) commending The University of Florida men’s basketball team for winning the 2007 NCAA Division I Basketball Championship.

Whereas, contrary to the most basic standards of humanitarian conduct, Hamas and Hezbollah have repeatedly violated international law and the terms of United Nations Security Council resolutions, abducting and murdering Israeli civilians and other Israeli soldiers missing in Lebanon and Syria, and other international humanitarian law; and

Whereas, on June 25, 2006, Hamas and allied terrorists crossed into Israel to attack a military post, killing 2 soldiers and wounding a third, Gilad Shalit, who was kidnapped; whereas, on July 12, 2006, terrorists of Hezbollah crossed into Israel to attack a military post, killing 2 soldiers and wounding 2 more, Ehud Goldwasser and Eldad Regev;

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the University of Florida for appropriate display;

(2) approves the resolution by United Nations Security Council Resolution 1701 (2006) by immediately and unconditionally releasing Ehud Goldwasser and Eldad Regev; and

(3) respectfully requests the Secretary of the Senate to transmit copies of this resolution to—

(a) the University of Florida for appropriate display;

(b) the President of the University of Florida, Dr. J. Bernado Machado;

(c) the Athletic Director of the University of Florida, Jeremy Foley; and

(d) the Head Coach of the University of Florida men’s basketball team, Billy Donovan.

CALLING FOR IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF SOLDIERS OF ISRAEL

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the resolution.

Whereas, Ehud Goldwasser and Eldad Regev have been held in captivity by Hamas for more than 6 months;

Whereas Hamas and Hezbollah have withheld all information on the welfare and safety of the men they have kidnapped; and

Whereas, contrary to the most basic standards of humanitarian conduct, Hamas and Hezbollah have repeatedly violated international law and the terms of United Nations Security Council resolutions, abducting and murdering Israeli civilians and other Israeli soldiers missing in Lebanon and Syria, and other international humanitarian law; and

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) demands that—

(a) Hamas immediately and unconditionally release Israeli soldiers Gilad Shalit; and

(b) Hezbollah accept the mandate of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1701 (2006) by immediately and unconditionally releasing Ehud Goldwasser and Eldad Regev; and

(2) expresses—

(a) vigorous support and unwavering commitment to the welfare and survival of the

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.
State of Israel as a Jewish and democratic state with secure borders;

(B) strong support and deep interest in achieving a resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through the creation of a viable and independent Palestinian state living in peace alongside of the State of Israel;

(C) ongoing concern and sympathy for the families of Gilad Shalit, Ehud Goldwasser, Eldad Regev, and all other missing soldiers of Israel; and

(D) full commitment to seek the immediate and unconditional release of the Israeli captives; and

(3) condemns—

(A) Hamas and Hezbollah for the cross border attacks and kidnappings that precipitated weeks of intensive armed conflict between Israel and Hezbollah and armed Palestinian groups; and

(B) Iran and Syria for their ongoing support of Hezbollah and Hamas.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEE TO REPORT

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that on Friday, April 13, notwithstanding an adjournment of the Senate, the Senate Finance Committee be permitted to report S. 3 during the hours of 12 noon to 2 p.m.; further, that if the bill is reported, it be in order for the majority leader to move to proceed to the bill on Monday, April 16.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. I further ask unanimous consent that if the committee does not file S. 3 tomorrow, it be in order for the majority leader, on Monday, to introduce a bill dealing with the same subject matter and that it be in order for the majority leader to move to proceed to that bill on Monday.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2007

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 16, and on Monday, following the prayer and the pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that there then be a period of morning business for 60 minutes with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each; that at the close of morning business the Senate resume consideration of S. 372, as provided for under a previous order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. I commend the Republican leader for his willingness to work with us in getting an agreement where we debated two stem cell bills. I also would be remiss if I did not mention the primary individuals who were here during most, if not all, of that debate: Senators Harkin, Specter, Brownback, Coleman, and Isakson. They conducted the debate in a manner which shows Members can disagree and not be disagreeable. Although there were different points of view, the debate was clearly very informative and educational.

Also, we just entered an order allowing the Senate to consider the Intelligence authorization bill on Monday. There will be a cloture vote on that bill at 5:30 p.m. on Monday.

The Senate will not be in session on Friday. Therefore, there will be no rollcall votes.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2007, AT 2 P.M.

Mr. REID. If there is no further business to be brought before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:24 p.m., adjourned until Monday, April 16, 2007, at 2 p.m.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate Thursday, April 12, 2007:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

CLAUDIE M. KICKLIGHTER, OF GEORGIA, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

The above nomination was approved subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.