

Mr. BOOZMAN. Having no further speakers either, I just want to thank the chairman for his hard work on this; thank Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN for introduction of the bill, and the staff for their hard work.

I yield back the balance of my time.
Mr. FALCOMA. Mr. Speaker, I also yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from America Samoa (Mr. FALCOMA) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res 188, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CONGRATULATING THE OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY BEAVERS BASEBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2007 COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 515) congratulating the Oregon State University Beavers baseball team for winning the 2007 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I College World Series.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 515

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.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. KUCINICH) and the gentleman from Delaware (Mr. CASTLE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio.

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GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent for Members to have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the resolution under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

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

I want to congratulate the Oregon State University Beavers for their win in the 2007 National Collegiate Association Division I College World Series.

On June 24, 2007, Oregon State University captured its second baseball na-

tional championship in as many years by defeating the University of North Carolina Tar Heels two games to none in the best of three series. College baseball fans, student athletes, and the general public were treated to an exciting College World Series.

I want to extend my congratulations to the student athletes and coaches for attaining back-to-back national championships.

I want to extend my congratulations to the University of North Carolina Tar Heels and their student athletes for a great season. The Tar Heels had a season record of 57 wins and 16 losses, and they were Atlantic Coast Conference champions.

Winning back-to-back championships has brought national acclaim to Oregon State University's outstanding athletic program, and I know the fans of that university will remember this very special moment for many, many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

I rise also in support of House Resolution 515 congratulating Oregon State University's baseball team for winning the 2007 National Collegiate Association Division I College World Series championship for the second consecutive year.

On June 24, 2007, the Beavers of Oregon State defeated the University of North Carolina Tar Heels by a score of 9-3, sweeping the best of three series, two games to none, to win the 2007 NCAA Division I College World Series championship. They became the first team in 10 years to win back-to-back College World Series championships.

Oregon State University dominated the finals of the College World Series, trailing for only one of the 45 innings they played. The Beavers of Oregon State outscored their opponents 42-16 during their remarkable run in the College World Series, becoming the first three-seed to ever win the tournament.

Much of this team's success is due to Head Coach Pat Casey. After starting the year with only 23 wins and only 3 losses, the team hit a bit of a slump in May, which nearly cost them a spot in the tournament. But Coach Casey kept the team motivated and focused to help lead the Beavers to a 49-18 record.

The 2007 World Series MVP, Jorge Reyes, a freshman, who went 2-0 with a 2.92 ERA during the College World Series, became only the fifth freshman to ever win the award in the 58-year history of the College World Series.

And while we commend the college athletics department today, we should also recognize Oregon State University as an excellent academic institution. Known for its geosciences programs, which rank sixth in the Nation, the university offers over 200 undergraduate programs and more than 80 graduate programs. The campus has a renowned library and exceptional research facilities as well as great internship and study abroad programs to offer its students.

I extend my congratulations to Head Coach Pat Casey, Athletics Director Bob De Carolis, President Dr. Edward Ray, and all of the hardworking players, the fans, and Oregon State University. I am happy to represent my good friend and colleague Representative HOOLEY in recognizing this exceptional team in all of its accomplishments and wish all involved continued success.

I ask my colleagues to support this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to Congresswoman DARLENE HOOLEY.

Ms. HOOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Ohio for yielding.

I rise today supporting Resolution 515, congratulating the Oregon State University Beavers baseball team for winning the 2007 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I College World Series.

As a representative of Oregon's Fifth Congressional District, the home of Oregon State University, it is my privilege to offer this resolution on behalf of my constituents. As a graduate of Oregon State University, it is with personal pride that I now speak on its behalf.

Ours is an institution set in a small town far removed from the national stage. Yet for those who have ventured there, OSU has always been a source of inspiration. We do not have the tradition of championships upon which the better-known programs of the Pacific-10 Conference have built their reputations. What we do have is a sense of self and determination.

Titles have come rarely to our school. Prior to 2006 only once had a Beaver team claimed a crown, nearly 50 years having passed since then. And in that time we have had our successes, our share of All-Americans or individual champions in the Olympic sports. But such achievements all too often pass unnoticed. It is the team sports that register in our national consciousness. For us, that has been very elusive.

Our inspiration has not always come from championships. Our inspiration has come from the character and determination of our student athletes. It is in their perseverance that we have found the meaning of sport. Corvallis is a small town, shadowed by clouds and rain, set in the beautiful Willamette Valley. It is here these student athletes have quietly studied and trained, here they have known the same trials and tribulations as those who have come from programs lauded on the national stage, and it is here that generations have formed a community.

I cannot bring this resolution to the floor without first mentioning the community which the 2006 and 2007 NCAA Division I baseball champions call home. These championships were won by a single team, but these team championships were not won for themselves. These championships are for the

community. They are for all the student athletes of Oregon State. They are for the University, for Corvallis. They are for Oregon. Indeed, they are for Beaver Nation and the tradition it supports.

On behalf of the whole of Beaver Nation, on behalf of all the student athletes at Oregon State, I congratulate and thank the 2006 and 2007 Beaver baseball team for being an inspiration to all of us.

Before Coach Pat Casey took the helm of Beaver baseball, there were questions about the ability of Corvallis to draw top baseball talent away from schools of the Sun Belt. There were questions, but these questions did not come from those that knew Oregon State and Corvallis. Under Coach Casey's tutelage, the Beavers have become the latest team to take their turn at the vanguard of the PAC-10 Conference. "The Conference of Champions." The Beavers are the third PAC-10 team to win consecutive national titles in baseball. To be sure, the Beavers have entered into an elite company as one of only five teams in the history of Division I baseball to win consecutive national titles.

The Beavers took their journey, as we knew they would, by virtue of the perseverance and the character that is so indicative of Oregon State. In 2005, the team entered the College World Series only to lose their first two games in the double-elimination tournament. In 2006, the team entered the College World Series to lose their first game and faced elimination in every game before starting anew in the championship series, where they won their first title, two games to one.

After losing seven of nine position players and the strength of their 2006 pitching staff, the Beavers had a strong preseason in 2007 but slumped in the intra-conference competition of the PAC-10. One of the last teams to be selected for the field of 64 by the committee, the defending national champions were unseeded and undaunted. The Beavers played their way through the regional tournament and the super regional tournament to earn a berth in the College World Series for a third consecutive year.

Returning to Omaha, this team had first known loss. This team had faced elimination before victory. This team was almost not selected for the tournament. This team won five straight games against the Nation's best, won their second straight title, and now enters the annals of the one of the great teams in college baseball history.

My colleagues, the Oregon State Beaver baseball team has written a storybook tale, inspiring all of us. I thank them for this, and I ask that you join with me in congratulating the 2007 Oregon State Beaver baseball team, your NCAA Division I collegiate baseball champions.

I ask my colleagues for their support.

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

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. KUCINICH) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 515.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CONGRATULATING UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE, FOR WINNING THE 2007 MEN'S VOLLEYBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 511) congratulating the men's volleyball team of the University of California, Irvine, for winning the 2007 NCAA Division I Men's Volleyball National Championship.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 511

Whereas the men's volleyball team of the University of California, Irvine (UC Irvine), known as the Anteaters, achieved many historic accomplishments during the 2006-2007 season;

Whereas the UC Irvine men's volleyball team won the school's first ever National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Men's Volleyball National Championship;

Whereas Matt Webber, a senior on the UC Irvine men's volleyball team, was selected as the tournament's most valuable player with 22 kills in the championship match;

Whereas UC Irvine men's volleyball players Brian Thornton, Jayson Jablonsky, and David Smith were named to the All-Tournament Team;

Whereas UC Irvine men's volleyball coach John Speraw is only the third coach in history to win a NCAA volleyball championship as both a player and as a head coach;

Whereas the UC Irvine men's volleyball team finished with 29 victories, the most victories in school history;

Whereas the UC Irvine men's volleyball team finished with the most wins in the Nation for the 2006-2007 season;

Whereas the UC Irvine men's volleyball team won the 2007 Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Men's Volleyball title;

Whereas the UC Irvine men's volleyball team had four players selected to the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) All-America Team, the most by any team in the Nation;

Whereas middle blocker David Smith earned first-team accolades on the AVCA All-America Team;

Whereas Matt Webber, Jayson Jablonsky, and Brian Thornton earned second-team accolades on the AVCA All-America Team;

Whereas the UC Irvine men's volleyball team started the season as the preseason favorite in the CSTV/AVCA Division I Men's Coaches Top 15 Poll;

Whereas the UC Irvine men's volleyball team finished first in the CSTV/AVCA Division I Men's Coaches Top 15 Poll, released May 7, 2007;