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(2) recognizes the significant achievements of the players, coaches, students, alumni, and support staff whose dedication and hard work helped the Bulldogs achieve remarkable successes during its first season; and

(3) respectfully requests the Clerk of the House of Representatives to transmit enrolled copies of this resolution to the following individuals for display:

(A) Dr. Jeffrey Docking, Adrian College President;

(B) Rev. Christopher Momany, Adrian College Chaplain and Director of Church Relations; and

(C) Mr. Mike Duffy, Adrian College Athletic Director.

The resolution was agreed to.

AMENDMENT TO THE PREAMBLE OFFERED BY
MR. ANDREWS

Mr. ANDREWS. I have an amendment to the preamble at the desk.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment to the preamble offered by Mr. ANDREWS:

Strike the preamble and insert the following:

Whereas the Adrian College Bulldogs men's hockey team completed its first season in 2007–2008 with the best first year win-loss record in National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III history;

Whereas the Bulldogs finished the season with a 26–3 record;

Whereas the Bulldogs won their final 20 games;

Whereas the Bulldogs won the Midwest Collegiate Hockey Association (MCHA) postseason tournament and the Harris Cup;

Whereas the Bulldogs averaged almost 8 goals a game;

Whereas the Bulldogs' excellent first year record earned the team a national ranking and consideration for the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament;

Whereas there are 420 NCAA Division III schools across the country, making it the NCAA's largest division;

Whereas head coach Ron Fogarty guided the Bulldogs to the best first year win-loss record in NCAA Division III history;

Whereas team captain Adam Krug, a junior, was named MCHA Player of the Year, MCHA All-Conference, and MCHA All-Academic;

Whereas freshmen Eric Miller, Shawn Skelly, Chris Sansik, Quinn Waller, and Brad Fogal were named MCHA All-Conference; and

Whereas sophomore Rob Hodnicki received MCHA All-Academic honors: Now, therefore, be it

Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the following:

That the House of Representatives—

(1) congratulates and commends the Adrian College Bulldogs men's hockey team for winning the Midwest Collegiate Hockey Association regular season title and postseason tournament and for having the best first year win-loss record in National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III history;

(2) recognizes the significant achievements of the players, coaches, students, alumni, and support staff whose dedication and hard work helped the Bulldogs achieve remarkable successes during its first season; and

(3) respectfully requests the Clerk of the House of Representatives to transmit enrolled copies of this resolution to the following individuals for display:

(A) Dr. Jeffrey Docking, Adrian College President.

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Mr. ANDREWS (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment be considered as read.

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

There was no objection.

The amendment to the preamble was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING
BIRTHPARENTS WHO CARRY OUT
AN ADOPTION PLAN

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Education and Labor be discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 239 and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

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

There was no objection.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

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Whereas once a pregnant woman and the man involved in the pregnancy (the birthparents) decide that they are unable to parent a child, carrying out an adoption plan is highly admirable;

Whereas for the birthparents, carrying out an adoption plan can be an expression of great love for the child and can be what it means to be the best parent possible;

Whereas birthparents who decide to carry out an adoption plan come from all walks of life, with various backgrounds and socioeconomic status;

Whereas in 2002 (the most recent year for which such statistics are available), there were 22,291 domestic infant adoptions in the United States;

Whereas birthparents should be recognized, honored, and commended for making a loving decision to carry out an adoption plan; and

Whereas Congress should endeavor to do more to support birthparents who carry out an adoption plan: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That Congress recognizes and honors birthparents who carry out an adoption plan.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. ANDREWS

Mr. ANDREWS. I have an amendment at the desk.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment offered by Mr. ANDREWS:
Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the following:

“That Congress recognizes and acknowledges the important role of adoption, and commends all parties involved, including birthparents who carry out an adoption plan, adoptive families, and adopted children.”

The amendment was agreed to.

The concurrent resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

AMENDMENT TO THE PREAMBLE OFFERED BY
MR. ANDREWS

Mr. ANDREWS. I have an amendment to the preamble at the desk.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment to the preamble offered by Mr. ANDREWS:

Strike the preamble and insert the following:

Whereas in 2002, there were 22,291 domestic infant adoptions in the United States;

Whereas birthparents who decide to carry out an adoption plan come from all walks of life, with various backgrounds and socioeconomic status;

Whereas birthparents who carry out an adoption plan should be recognized and commended for doing what they believe is in the best interest of their child;

Whereas loving, nurturing adoptive families make it possible for birthparents to carry out an adoption plan;

Whereas adoptive families make an important difference in the life of a child through adoption and show the compassionate spirit of our Nation;

Whereas adoptive families should be recognized and commended for providing a permanent, safe, and loving home for a child;

Whereas studies have shown that adopted children form deep emotional bonds with their adoptive parents indistinguishable from those biological children form with their parents;

Whereas adopted children grow up to make valuable contributions to our Nation and lead fulfilling lives;

Whereas adopted children should be recognized and commended for understanding that the choice of the birthparents to carry out an adoption plan may be a difficult and carefully considered decision made out of love for a child; and

Whereas Congress should do more to support adoption, including birthparents who carry out an adoption plan, adoptive families, and adopted children: Now, therefore, be it

Mr. ANDREWS (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment be considered as read.

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

There was no objection.

The amendment to the preamble was agreed to.

The title was amended so as to read: “Concurrent resolution recognizing and acknowledging the important role of adoption, and commending all parties involved, including birthparents who carry out an adoption plan, adoptive families, and adopted children.”

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bills considered during the last few minutes here.

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

There was no objection.