

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from Wyoming (Mrs. LUMMIS).

Mrs. LUMMIS. I rise today in support of House Resolution 696 and in recognition of the 50 years of achievement in service by Western Wyoming Community College. I further wish to thank the gentlelady from Hawaii and the gentleman from Pennsylvania for their support of this resolution.

As the gentlelady from Hawaii pointed out, Western began in fall of 1959, serving only 40 students out of Rock Springs High School. Today, they have an award-winning campus on College Drive in Rock Springs as well as an extended campus in Green River, which collectively serve 4,000 credits and 2,000 community education students each semester.

Western serves Sweetwater, Uinta, Carbon, Sublette, and Lincoln Counties, all in southwest Wyoming. It is a valued partner with industry, education and local business in its service area to provide transfer and technical education, workforce training, cultural and athletic activities, and community education courses.

Like many educational institutions across the Nation, Western adheres to a set of altruistic guiding principles: Learning is our Purpose; Students are our Focus; Employees are our Most Important Resource; the Community is our Partner; Adapting to Change Defines our Future; and, Ethical Standards Guide our Actions. And it embodies these principles in its motto: "A commitment to quality and success."

Across our Nation, community colleges play a vital role in the higher education system. No State feels their significance more than the State of Wyoming.

Wyoming is almost 100,000 square miles and is served by only one 4-year university. Western is the fifth of seven comprehensive community colleges that bridge this geographic span, making college affordable and accessible across the State of Wyoming.

The seven community colleges across Wyoming allow some students to complete their education with technical training or a 2-year associates degree, while others transfer earned credit to continue and receive their bachelor degrees and beyond.

Making the goals of many students even more accessible is the seamless transfer agreement between the University of Wyoming and the community colleges, allowing students to continue their education in Laramie without loss of credits in the move.

So in recognition of the Western Mustangs, their 50th anniversary, and to community colleges across Wyoming and the Nation, I ask my colleagues to celebrate Western's achievements with me today.

Western will be celebrating as a campus from this Saturday, September 26, through the following Sunday, October 4. Please help me in having the U.S.

House of Representatives celebrate this achievement with them by passing House Resolution 696.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, having no additional speakers, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. HIRONO. I want to thank the gentlelady from Wyoming for bringing this forward, because community colleges all across the country play a pivotal role in providing educational opportunities for our citizens. I, of course, congratulate WWCC on its 50th anniversary.

I yield back the balance of my time. The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 696.

The question was taken. The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

CONGRATULATING THE WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BOWLING TEAMS

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 455) congratulating the Wichita State University men's and women's bowling teams for winning the 2009 United States Bowling Congress Intercollegiate Bowling National Championship, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 455

Whereas the Wichita State University (WSU) men's and women's bowling teams won the 2009 United States Bowling Congress (USBC) Intercollegiate Bowling National Championship in Rockford, Illinois, on April 15-18, 2009;

Whereas the WSU men's team defeated the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Webber International University and advanced to the finals, where they defeated Saginaw Valley State University two games to one in a best of three series to win the championship;

Whereas the WSU women's team defeated Ball State University, Fresno State University, and McKendree University and advanced to the finals, where they defeated Lindenwood University two games to zero to win the championship;

Whereas the WSU men's team has won nine USBC Intercollegiate Bowling National Championships, in 1980, 1987, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1998, 2003, 2008, and 2009, and has advanced to the national tournament a record 29 times;

Whereas the WSU women's team has won nine USBC Intercollegiate Bowling National

Championships, in 1975, 1977, 1978, 1986, 1990, 1994, 2005, 2007, and 2009, and has advanced to the national tournament a record 34 times;

Whereas head coach Gordon Vadakin has led the men's and women's teams to a combined 32 USBC Intercollegiate Bowling National Championship tournaments and 17 national titles since he began coaching in 1976;

Whereas assistant coaches Mark Lewis, Brian Adelgren, and Nathan Bohr were also instrumental in the WSU teams' 2009 victories;

Whereas the 2009 men's championship team, comprised of Jake Peters, Nick Pahr, Brandon Hall, Josh McBride, John Szczerbinski, Stephen Cowland, Josh Blanchard, Adam Ferri, Kyle Bischoff, Will Barnes, Geoffrey Young, and Kevin Tatrow, won the national title due to the combined efforts of each of its members;

Whereas the 2009 women's championship team, comprised of Melissa Hurst, Maggie Zakrzewski, Suzana Signaigo, Sandra Gongora, Jessica Baker, Samantha Hesley, Mariana Ayala, Daniela Alvarado, Rocio Restrepo, and Samantha Linder, won the national title due to the combined efforts of each of its members;

Whereas Sandra Gongora was named the National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association and the Bowling Writers Association of America (BWAA) Female Collegiate Bowler of the Year, and John Szczerbinski and Josh Blanchard were BWAA Male Collegiate Bowler of the Year runners-up; and

Whereas Sandra Gongora, John Szczerbinski, and Josh Blanchard were named as first team All-Americans by the USBC: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives congratulates and commends the Wichita State University men's and women's bowling teams for winning the 2009 United States Bowling Congress Intercollegiate Bowling National Championship.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Hawaii.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, I request 5 legislative days during which Members may revise and extend and insert extraneous material on H.R. 455 into the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Hawaii?

There was no objection.

Ms. HIRONO. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise today to congratulate the Wichita State University men's and women's bowling teams for each of their victories in the 2009 United States Bowling Congress Intercollegiate Bowling National Championship.

April 15-18, 2009, college bowling fans were treated to a number of great bowling matches between the most skilled bowlers in the country. The Wichita State University men's bowling team entered the national tournament for the 24th consecutive year and ranked as the number one team in the Nation. They garnered their ninth national championship, defeating Saginaw Valley State University in the final match. The women's team also

collected its ninth national championship, beating Lindenwood University in their finals.

Sandra Gongora from the Shockers was named the Bowling Writers Association of America (BWAA) Female Collegiate Bowler of the Year. John Szczerbinski and Josh Blanchard of the men's team were BWAA Male Collegiate Bowler of the Year runners-up.

As the most accomplished collegiate bowling program in the Nation, the Wichita State Shockers bowling teams have 18 national championship victories. No other team in the Nation has achieved this magnitude of success. The program has produced 169 All-Americans and seven National Bowlers of the Year. Better yet, 32 former and current Shockers bowlers represented our country on Team USA.

I want to extend my congratulations to Gordon Vadakin, the head coach of both the women's and men's team. Through his leadership, Coach Vadakin led Wichita State University to 32 intercollegiate bowling national championship tournaments since he began coaching in 1976.

Mark Lewis, Brian Adelgren, and Nathan Bohr also helped these teams reach elite status with their roles as assistant coaches.

Bowling, by far, is the school's most preeminent athletic program. Winning the national championship and collecting its 18th national title has brought national acclaim to Wichita State University. I know the fans of the university will revel in this accomplishment.

Mr. Speaker, once again, I congratulate the Wichita State University Shockers for their success and thank Representative TIAHRT for bringing this resolution forward.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume. I rise today in support of House Resolution 455, congratulating the Wichita State University men's and women's bowling teams for winning the 2009 United States Bowling Congress Intercollegiate Bowling National Championship.

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Wichita State University began as Fairmount College, a private congressional school, in 1895. Wichita State University changed its name and officially entered the State system of higher education on July 1, 1964. And today WSU offers more than 60 undergraduate degree programs in more than 200 areas of study in six undergraduate colleges.

The university is an NCAA Division I institution, and fields teams in tennis, cross-country, basketball, track, golf, crew, bowling, men's baseball, and women's volleyball and softball. The name for WSU's athletic teams is the Shockers. The name reflects the University's heritage. Early students earned money by shocking, or harrowing, wheat in nearby fields. The

WSU Shockers have excelled at many sports over the years, but bowling has recently become one of WSU's most successful athletic teams.

The sport of bowling originated in ancient Egypt. Bowling balls and pins were found in the tomb of an Egyptian king who died in 5200 B.C. The ancient Polynesians bowled on lanes that were 60 feet long, the same as today, and bowling was part of a religious ceremony in fourth-century Germany. British kings Edward II and Richard II banned bowling because they said people were wasting too much time playing the sport.

Bowling has been popular in America since Colonial days. The German settlers introduced ninepins, the game that evolved into today's modern tenpin sport. Today bowling is enjoyed by 95 million people in more than 90 countries worldwide.

As the most accomplished collegiate bowling program in the Nation, the Wichita State Shocker bowling teams have 18 national championship victories to their name. In the 2009 men's national championship, the Shockers and the Saginaw Valley State University squared off in a showdown between the two most successful programs in the history of collegiate bowling for the title. The Lady Shockers came through and won their second national championship in three seasons after a 2-0 sweep of Lindenwood in the championship match.

I'm honored to stand before the House today to congratulate and recognize the significant achievements of the players and the coaches whose hard work has led to the success of the Wichita State University Shockers men's and women's bowling teams as USBC Intercollegiate National Champions.

I ask my colleagues to support this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to my good friend who's the author of this resolution, the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. TIAHRT).

Mr. TIAHRT. I want to first thank the gentlewoman from Hawaii for her help in this legislation and for the kind words to Wichita State and also to the gentleman from Pennsylvania, who also gave us a wonderful history about this sport and also Wichita State University and his kind words.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to offer House Resolution 455 honoring the 2009 National Champion Wichita State University Shocker men's and women's bowling teams. By its very nature, a national championship is special, but to have both men's and women's teams from the same school earn the same title in the same year is truly remarkable.

The Wichita State University men's team entered the elimination portion of the tournament seeded first, a ranking which they held all the way through the finals where they claimed the national championship. The Lady Shockers were ranked second entering

the elimination tournament and overcame a difficult schedule on their way to becoming national champions. These championship teams carry on a winning tradition at Wichita State University. This is the ninth national title for each of them, the second consecutive national title for the men, and the third women's national title in 5 years.

Wichita State University has been blessed with an incredible coaching staff. Head coach Gordon Vadakin and assistant coach Mark Lewis are both members of the United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame. Gordon Vadakin has been coaching at Wichita State University since 1976, leading the men's and women's teams to a combined 32 USBC Intercollegiate Bowling National Championship tournaments and winning a record 16 of them. The Wichita State University team has two additional outstanding assistant coaches in Brian Adelgren and Nathan Bohr.

I want to congratulate the men's team of Jake Peters, Nick Pahr, Brandon Hall, Josh McBride, Stephen Cowland, Adam Ferri, Kyle Bischoff, Will Barnes, Geoffrey Young, Kevin Tatrow; and Male Collegiate Bowler of the Year runners-up John Szczerbinski and Josh Blanchard; and to the women's team of Melissa Hurst, Maggie Zakrzewski, Suzana Signaigo, Jessica Baker, Samantha Hesley, Mariana Ayala, Daniela Alvarado, Rocio Restrepo, Samantha Linder, and Female Collegiate Bowler of the Year Sandra Gongora.

Once again, I am pleased today that the United States House of Representatives will congratulate and commend the Wichita State University men's and women's bowling teams for winning the 2009 Intercollegiate Bowling National Championship Tournament. Go Shox.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 455, as amended.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

FISCAL YEAR 2010 FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION EXTENSION ACT

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3607) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, and for other purposes.