

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, the Puget Sound region of Washington State combines tremendous scenic beauty with numerous historic sites. Boaters and kayakers traveling these waters are surrounded by spectacular mountains and abundant wildlife.

Through 15 years of diligent work by local advocates and volunteers, 54 campsites on a 150-mile route along the coast now constitute the Cascadia Marine Trail. The pending measure would authorize a study of this trail for its potential inclusion in the National Trails System. So, by all accounts, this trail is certainly worthy of this consideration.

Mr. Speaker, I commend our colleague, Representative JAY INSLEE, for his hard work and for his dedication to this legislation. I support the passage of H.R. 1641, and urge all Members to do so as well.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1641 has been adequately explained by the majority. As the current trail is being operated successfully at a local level, we are not aware of the need for this legislation.

Apparently, though, some believe there is a compelling need for Federal involvement where Americans paddle kayaks in the Puget Sound. As this bill provides for a study of the federalization of these water trails, possible objections will likely be held until the study is completed and until actual Federal control is to be proposed.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I yield as much time as he may consume to the gentleman from Washington (Mr. INSLEE).

Mr. INSLEE. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, this bill simply provides for a study of feasibility of adding the Cascadia Marine Trail to the National Trails System.

This trail is entirely a water-based trail, extending from the Canadian border through the San Juan Islands, Puget Sound and south to our State capital of Olympia. Significant portions of this trail run through the waters of my district. It includes 2,300 miles of shoreline and 55 safe pullouts right now for camping areas of non-motorized, beachable watercraft.

Thousands of people have the potential of enjoying this trail. It was added as a national recreation trail in '94, and the Canoe Association designated the trail as an ACA-recommended water trail in 2005.

We know it's a beautiful spot. I've been there. I encourage everyone to give it a go. It gives users unique opportunities to see eagles, orca, otters, porpoises, and whales. It's quite a place to be, but we do think it's an appropriate study to consider its inclusion in our National Trails System given the national notoriety and publicity that this will entail, and it will allow people to really know about the trail.

I want to thank Chairman RAHALL and Subcommittee Chairman GRIJALVA for their work to move this forward. I would like to also acknowledge the National Park Service office in Seattle for their technical assistance. I want to thank my constituents who have been working on this now for at least two decades, particularly the Washington Water Trails Association, especially Don Crook, Reed Waite and Julie Anderson for their efforts, and John Kuntz, with the Olympic Outdoor Centers, and the Kitsap Paddle Club for their leadership.

It is supported by the Washington Water Trails Association, the National Parks Conservation Association, the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition, and the Washington State Parks.

I want to thank the Speaker, Mr. LARSEN, for cosponsoring this bill, and I can guarantee anyone who will enjoy this national water trail that it never rains in Puget Sound.

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

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I, again, urge Members to support the bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Guam (Ms. BORDALLO) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1641, as amended.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECOGNIZING 120TH ANNIVERSARY OF WEBER STATE UNIVERSITY

Mr. PIERLUISI. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 854) recognizing Weber State University for the 120th anniversary of its founding as an institution of higher education.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 854

Whereas Weber State University (WSU) was founded in 1889 as Weber State Academy;

Whereas WSU celebrates its 120th anniversary this year;

Whereas WSU is a public university that offers associate's, bachelor's, and master's degrees, as well as professional, liberal arts, and technical certificates;

Whereas WSU is located in Ogden, Utah, and has an additional campus in Layton, Utah;

Whereas WSU serves more than 23,000 full-time and part-time students;

Whereas the WSU Wildcats have 14 intercollegiate programs that participate in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I athletics;

Whereas Weber State University promotes community involvement and community-based learning experiences for its students; and

Whereas Weber State University prides itself in its excellent teaching, commitment to meeting the needs of students, and ongoing service to the community: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) congratulates Weber State University on the 120th anniversary of its founding as an institution of higher education; and

(2) recognizes the contributions of Weber State University to its students and community.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Puerto Rico (Mr. PIERLUISI) and the gentleman from Utah (Mr. BISHOP) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Puerto Rico.

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Mr. PIERLUISI. Mr. Speaker, I ask for 5 legislative days during which Members may revise and extend their remarks and insert extraneous material on House Resolution 854 into the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. PIERLUISI. I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 854, which celebrates the 120th anniversary of Weber State University.

Founded in 1889, Weber State Academy eventually became what is now known as Weber State University. From its humble beginnings, Weber State has grown into a 400-acre campus in Ogden, Utah and a 105-acre campus in Layton, Utah.

The university takes great pride in serving the needs of its students while preparing them for life-long service to their community. Offering more than 200 undergraduate majors, WSU is home to the largest and most comprehensive undergraduate program in the State of Utah.

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U.S. News & World Report cites WSU as one of the top 10 public master's institutions in the West. The campus features more than 100 student clubs and organizations, in addition to 14 athletic programs which compete in the NCAA Division I. While most of its students are drawn from Utah, the campus is enriched by students hailing from the 50 States and 35 foreign countries.

The student body of WSU is an accomplished one, with a variety of campus programs achieving national recognition. For example, Wildcat athletes have qualified for the Olympic

trials in track and captured the Big Sky Conference championship. The WSU Wind Ensemble was invited to the Los Angeles International Band and Orchestra Festival, and WSU theater students were selected to perform at the renowned Kennedy Center right here in Washington, D.C.

In addition to its esteemed academic and cultural reputation, Weber State University is known for its commitment to civic engagement and community service. The campus' Community Involvement Center seeks to engage students by providing opportunities of academic learning and community service. The center coordinates with community agencies and runs the AmeriCorps Education Award Program.

I congratulate Weber State University on 120 years of service and leadership and look forward to what the coming years have for this accomplished institution.

I thank the gentleman from Utah (Mr. BISHOP) for bringing forth this resolution to this floor and ask my colleagues to join Mr. BISHOP and me in supporting this resolution.

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

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

I also thank the gentleman from Puerto Rico for the kind words he said about one of the premier institutions in the top of Utah, which is Weber State University.

Today I rise in support of House Resolution 854, recognizing Weber State University on the 120th anniversary of the founding of that institution. It started, obviously, as a religious stake academy, the Weber Academy, in 1889. Then it has had several changes, going into, first of all, a 2-year college as Weber College, then a 4-year institution, Weber State College, and then eventually as Weber State University.

The first president or principal of that Weber Academy was Louis Moench, who was a German immigrant, a great educator as well as administrator and truly a Renaissance man, because he is also the author of one of my favorite religious hymns.

The second principal was David O. McKay, who went on to become the president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and one of the most revered religious figures in the Nation in his time.

The present president, President Milner, is the first female president of a 4-year college or university in the State of Utah, and she does a magnificent job in leading the 23,000 students that comprise the campus in Ogden, as well as 3,500 students in the satellite campus in Davis County, as well as outreach programs that take place in Box Elder, Morgan, Davis and other counties throughout the State of Utah.

This is an institution which has set its goal on education excellence—does this well—as well as competitive excel-

lence. It is a member of the Big Sky Conference, where last year it won the titles in the conference in both football, basketball and, I believe, women's soccer. At the same time, it is still ranked number 14 in its division in football this particular year.

It also has one of the State's largest nursing programs, the State's only dental hygiene program, the State's only police academy. Its proximity to Hill Air Force Base makes it a premier educational institution, not only for those continuing its education, for those who are working at Hill Air Force Base, but also for the servicemen who attend there and participate in part of their program.

Indeed, the theatrical production that the gentleman from Puerto Rico mentioned that was held here at the Kennedy Center was a student production of *Macbeth*, which I had the opportunity of watching—one of those light-hearted musical comedies coming at the end of a long day—but it was a spectacular production of which those students at Weber State University should be proud.

Like every institution that takes place, it is a community asset. It provides educational excellence for the people in that area, provides economic incentives for the people of that particular area, it is a source of community enlightenment and activities through its academic and art programs. With all of us, there is always some kind of interface that goes along with it.

One time, the president of Weber State University—at that time it was Weber State College—was Joseph Bishop, who I wish I could claim was a relative because he was intelligent, but I can't. During its great growth spurt, right after World War II, Weber State was led by Dr. Miller, an excellent president who I feel very close to because I was able to mow his mother's lawn because she was a neighbor of mine in Kaysville.

At the same time, my father-in-law played football at Weber State. My wife graduated from Weber State. Perhaps one of our greatest acknowledged alumna from Weber State is a Member of the House of Representatives today. Representative LYNN JENKINS from Kansas is a graduate of Weber State, which I didn't know until today. Now I know who to hit up for in the future.

I have a daughter that wants to attend the dental program at Weber State, a daughter-in-law that wants to go to the nursing program at Weber State. We have very close ties to this particular institution. It's an institution that has received many honors. It is the recipient of the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for the third consecutive year, was listed in *Forbes* magazine, ranked 43rd among public colleges, selected to host the Council on Undergraduate Research in 2010 and the National Conferences on Undergraduate Research in 2012, numerous faculty teaching excellence awards.

In the Big Sky Conference in 2009 it won the Presidents' Cup, which recognizes not only accomplishments on the field of athletic endeavor but also in the field of classroom work. This was the fourth time in 7 years it received that particular honor.

I am very proud of Weber State University, in the top of Utah. I am proud what it does for students that I used to teach, what it does for the community, the standards that it sets as a standard of excellence in education, as well as what it does to add to community life for all of us who actually live in northern Utah.

I am appreciative of having this resolution here. I am appreciative of the recognition that the gentleman from Puerto Rico has given to this particular institution.

Mr. Speaker, if I could inquire if the gentleman from Puerto Rico has any other speakers.

Mr. PIERLUISI. I don't, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. I don't have any other speakers.

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

Mr. PIERLUISI. I ask that my colleagues support the resolution celebrating the 120th anniversary of Weber State University.

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 Puerto Rico (Mr. PIERLUISI) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 854.

The question was taken.

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

Mr. PIERLUISI. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

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.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Ms. Wanda Evans, one of his secretaries.

CONGRATULATING THE IOWA HAWKEYES WRESTLING TEAM

Mr. PIERLUISI. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 368) congratulating the University of Iowa Hawkeyes wrestling team on winning the 2009 NCAA Division I National Wrestling Championships, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 368

Whereas the University of Iowa Hawkeyes wrestling team Head Coach Tom Brands was