

Once again this year, the men and women of the Huskies have proven themselves to be the best players in the country. Players like Emeka Okafor and Diana Taurasi personify the skill, hard work and dedication it takes to succeed. I know that I join many UConn fans when I say that I look forward to watching Diana play for the Phoenix Mercury, and wish Emeka and Ben Gordon luck in the NBA draft this summer.

The men and women of the UConn Huskies have long been a source of pride for the State of Connecticut. Their success is a reflection of the very best qualities of our student athletes, and will no doubt inspire young boys and girls in our state and across the country to achieve their goals.

Not only do the huskies have the best players in the country, they have the best and most dedicated fans. For proof of this, one needs to look no further than the crowd of 300,000 excited UConn fans that lined the streets of Hartford for the Husky victory parade this past Sunday. The size of the crowd, roughly three times the city's own population, clearly demonstrates that the Huskies have a special place in the hearts and minds of the people of Connecticut.

I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the UConn men's and women's basketball teams and celebrating their success. They are truly a credit to their families, to their University, to the great state of Connecticut, and to the nation as a whole.

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

Mr. SIMMONS. 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 Connecticut (Mr. SIMMONS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 599.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. SIMMONS. 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.

CONGRATULATING UNIVERSITY OF DENVER MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM FOR WINNING 2004 NCAA MEN'S HOCKEY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 408) congratulating the University of Denver men's hockey team for winning the 2004 NCAA men's hockey national championship, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. CON. RES. 408

Whereas on Saturday, April 10, 2004, the University of Denver men's hockey team won its 6th national hockey championship, their first such win since 1969;

Whereas the team was led by goaltender Adam Berkhoel, who finished the game with

a shutout, only the 3rd shutout in hockey national championship game history; the first occurring in 1968 when the University of Denver beat North Dakota by a score of 4-0;

Whereas Adam Berkhoel made 24 saves in the 2004 championship game and was named Most Outstanding Player of the Frozen Four;

Whereas Gabe Gauthier scored the 2004 championship game's only goal in the first period, assisted by Connor James;

Whereas the Pioneers kept the Black Bears scoreless despite a 3-man advantage for Maine with 2 minutes to go in the 3rd period;

Whereas the roster of the Pioneers' 2004 team also included Max Bull, Ryan Caldwell, Matt Carle, J.D. Corbin, Lukas Dora, Jeff Drummond, Glenn Fisher, Jon Foster, Luke Fulghum, Jussi Halme, Michael Handza, Ryan Helgason, Jon James, Greg Keith, Danny King, Matt Laatsch, Nick Larson, Scott McConnell, Brock McMorris, Ted O'Leary, Jeff Rogers, Brett Skinner, Kevin Ulanski, and Adrian Veideman;

Whereas Head Coach George Gwozdecky and his coaching staff, including Assistant Coach Steve Miller, Assistant Coach Seth Appert, Director of Hockey Operations David Tenzer, and Volunteer Assistant Coach Chris LaPerle, deserve much credit for the outstanding determination and accomplishments of their team; and

Whereas the students, alumni, faculty, and supporters of the University of Denver Pioneers are to be congratulated for their commitment and pride in their 2004 national champion men's hockey team: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That Congress—

(1) congratulates the University of Denver men's hockey team for winning the 2004 NCAA men's hockey national championship;

(2) recognizes the achievements of all the team's players, coaches, and support staff and invites them to the United States Capitol Building to be honored;

(3) requests that the President recognize the achievements of the University of Denver men's hockey team and invite the team members to the White House for an appropriate ceremony honoring a national championship team; and

(4) directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make available to the University of Denver enrolled copies of this resolution for appropriate display and to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to each coach and member of the 2004 NCAA men's hockey national championship team.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) and the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. RYAN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON).

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

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today in support of H. Con. Res. 408, which congratulates the University of Denver's men's hockey team for winning the 2004 NCAA men's hockey national championship.

On Saturday, April 10, 2004, the University of Denver men's hockey team won its sixth national hockey championship by defeating the University of Maine 1 to nothing. The University of Denver had previously won five national titles in a 12-year span between 1950 and 1962, but this year's championship was their first since that time.

It was an exciting game, with the Denver Pioneers keeping the Maine

Black Bears scoreless, despite a three-man advantage for Maine with 2 minutes to go in the third period of the match.

The game was just the third shutout in NCAA hockey championship history, and the announced crowd of 18,597 was the largest to watch a hockey game in the Fleet Center, which is the home of the NHL's Boston Bruins.

Adam Berkhoel, Denver's goalie, made 24 saves in the 2004 championship game and was named the Most Outstanding Player in the Frozen Four, which is the finals for the NCAA hockey matches.

The resolution before the House today congratulates the University of Denver men's hockey team, its players and coaches, for winning the 2004 NCAA men's hockey national championships, and recognizes the achievement of all the team's players, coaches, and staff.

Indeed, Denver University, the citizens of Denver and Colorado and all the students of the university are to be congratulated for their commitment and the great pride they take in this great accomplishment by winning the NCAA hockey championships.

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

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Con. Res. 408, a resolution congratulating the University of Denver for winning the NCAA hockey national championship. Just last month, the Pioneers captured the national championship after a hard fought Frozen Four. This championship culminated in an impressive season. College fans, student athletes, and the general public were treated to an exciting final game.

I want to extend my hearty congratulations to Head Coach George Gwozdecky. Also to be congratulated are a number of players, Adam Berkhoel, who made 24 saves. I also want to extend my congratulations to North Dakota, who, despite their loss, showed the quality of their school and their athletic talent through great sportsmanship.

Winning this championship has brought national acclaim to the University of Denver. I hope the Pioneers' fans and the university community treasure this moment for many years to come.

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

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 408.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.