

S. RES. 109

Whereas on April 8, 2005, the University of Oklahoma Sooners won their sixth National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Men's Gymnastics Championship, at West Point, New York;

Whereas the 2005 NCAA Championship is the Sooners' third championship in the past 4 years;

Whereas the championship title crowned a remarkable season for the Sooners in which the team achieved an impressive record of 21 wins and only 2 losses;

Whereas the Sooners clinched a spectacular, nail-biting victory over the Ohio State Buckeyes, which was made possible by a heroic final performance on the vault by freshman Jonathan Horton;

Whereas the Sooners' winning score of 225.675 set a school record and dramatically surpassed second-place Ohio State's score of 225.450;

Whereas 6 members of the University of Oklahoma men's gymnastics team, including Taqiy Abdullah-Simmons, Josh Gore, David Henderson, Jamie Henderson, Jonathan Horton, and Jacob Messina, also garnered a school-record 13 All-America honors in the individual event finals;

Whereas senior David Henderson's 2005 NCAA title on the still rings gave the University of Oklahoma its 18th all-time individual national champion and capped off an exceptional 4 years;

Whereas Head Coach Mark Williams was named the 2005 NCAA Coach of the Year, making it the third time in his distinguished career that Head Coach Williams has received that honor;

Whereas the tremendous success of the 2005 Sooners adds to the outstanding legacy of men's gymnastics at the University of Oklahoma and is a reflection of the heart and dedication of the entire school, from the president to the athletic directors, coaches, athletes, managers, and staff members;

Whereas the teamwork, grit, and sportsmanship demonstrated by the University of Oklahoma Sooners men's gymnastics team is a proud tribute to the university and the communities from which the team members hail: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the University of Oklahoma Sooners for their sixth National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Gymnastics Championship;

(2) recognizes all who have contributed their hard work and support to making the 2005 season a historic success; and

(3) directs the Secretary of the Senate to transmit a copy of this resolution to University of Oklahoma President David L. Boren and Head Coach Mark Williams for appropriate display.

The resolution (S. Res. 110) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

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Whereas on March 19, 2005, the Oklahoma State University Cowboys claimed their 33rd National Collegiate Athletic Association Wrestling Championship in St. Louis, Missouri;

Whereas the 33 wrestling championships won by the Cowboys is more than have been won by any other school in the history of National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I wrestling;

Whereas the Cowboys now have won 3 consecutive wrestling championships, a feat not accomplished since they won the national wrestling championship in 1954, 1955, and 1956;

Whereas the Cowboys' 2005 championship topped off an impressive season in which they were undefeated in the regular season and also had a perfect record in the finals;

Whereas the Cowboys outscored second place Michigan, 153 to 83, achieving a margin of victory that was the second-highest in National Collegiate Athletic Association wrestling history;

Whereas the Cowboys crowned a school-record 5 individual national champions, tying a national tournament record;

Whereas the Cowboys' outstanding 2005 season contributed to an already rich and proud tradition of wrestling excellence at Oklahoma State University;

Whereas the amazing accomplishments of the past year reflect the dedication, commitment, and tireless effort of the entire school, from the president to the athletic directors, coaches, athletes, managers, and staff members; and

Whereas the student athletes of the Oklahoma State University wrestling team, through their exceptional athletic achievements, have not only brought credit to themselves but to their fellow students, their university, and their community: Now, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) commends the Oklahoma State Cowboys for their third straight National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Wrestling Championship;

(2) recognizes the players, coaches, staff, and all who have made the historic successes of the 2005 season possible; and

(3) directs the Secretary of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to Oklahoma State University President Dr. David J. Schmidly and Coach John Smith for appropriate display.

NATIONAL MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

Mr. FRIST. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Con. Res. 27, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 27) honoring military children during "National Month of the Military Child."

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. FRIST. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution and preamble be agreed to en bloc, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD, without intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 27) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The concurrent resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

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Whereas more than a million Americans are demonstrating their courage and commitment to freedom by serving in the Armed Forces of the United States;

Whereas nearly 40 percent of the members of the Armed Forces, when deployed away from their permanent duty stations, have left families with children behind;

Whereas no one feels the effect of those deployments more than the children of deployed service members;

Whereas as of March 31, 2005, approximately 1,000 of these children have lost a parent serving in the Armed Forces during the preceding 5 years;

Whereas the daily struggles and personal sacrifices of children of members of the Armed Forces too often go unnoticed;

Whereas the children of members of the Armed Forces are a source of pride and honor to all Americans and it is fitting that the Nation recognize their contributions and celebrate their spirit;

Whereas the "National Month of the Military Child", observed in April each year, recognizes military children for their sacrifices and contributes to demonstrating the Nation's unconditional support to members of the Armed Forces;

Whereas in addition to Department of Defense programs to support military families and military children, a variety of programs and campaigns have been established in the private sector to honor, support, and thank military children by fostering awareness and appreciation for the sacrifices and the challenges they face;

Whereas a month-long salute to military children will encourage support for those organizations and campaigns established to provide direct support for military children and families

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

(1) joins the Secretary of Defense in honoring the children of members of the Armed Forces and recognizes that they too share in the burden of protecting the Nation;

(2) urges Americans to join with the military community in observing the "National Month of the Military Child" with appropriate ceremonies and activities that honor, support, and thank military children; and

(3) recognizes with great appreciation the contributions made by private-sector organizations that provide resources and assistance to military families and the communities that support them.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2005

Mr. FRIST. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, April 15. I further ask consent that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate then resume consideration of H.R. 1268, the Iraq-Afghanistan supplemental appropriations bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Madam President, tomorrow, the Senate will resume consideration of the Iraq-Afghanistan supplemental. Although no rollcall votes will occur tomorrow, we hope to make additional progress on the bill. We expect to lock in some of the pending amendments for votes on Monday, and therefore Senators can expect a series of