

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 535, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

ESTABLISHING AN OMBUDSMAN WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 2192, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HARE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2192, as amended.

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. JACKSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 398, nays 0, not voting 36, as follows:

[Roll No. 536]

YEAS—398

Abercrombie Cardoza Ellsworth
Ackerman Carnahan Emanuel
Aderholt Carney Emerson
Akin Carson English (PA)
Alexander Carter Eshoo
Altmire Castle Etheridge
Arcuri Castor Everett
Baca Cazayoux Fallon
Bachmann Chabot Farr
Bachus Chandler Fattah
Baird Childers Feeney
Baldwin Clarke Ferguson
Barrett (SC) Clay Finer
Bartlett (MD) Cleaver Flake
Barton (TX) Clyburn Forbes
Bean Coble Fortenberry
Becerra Cohen Fossella
Berkley Cole (OK) Foster
Berman Conaway Foy
Berry Conyers Frank (MA)
Biggert Cooper Franks (AZ)
Billray Costa Frelinghuysen
Bilirakis Courtney Gallegly
Bishop (GA) Cramer Garrett (NJ)
Bishop (NY) Crenshaw Gerlach
Bishop (UT) Crowley Giffords
Blackburn Cuellar Gillibrand
Blumenauer Culberson Gillibrand
Blunt Cummings Gohmert
Bonner Davis (AL) Gonzalez
Bono Mack Davis (CA) Goode
Boozman Davis (IL) Goodlatte
Boren Davis (KY) Gordon
Boswell Davis, David Granger
Boucher Davis, Lincoln Green, Al
Boustany Davis, Tom Green, Gene
Boyd (FL) Deal (GA) Grijalva
Boyd (KS) DeFazio Hall (NY)
Brady (PA) DeGette Hall (TX)
Brady (TX) Delahunt Hare
Braley (IA) DeLauro Harman
Broun (GA) Dent Hastings (FL)
Brown (SC) Diaz-Balart, L. Hastings (WA)
Buchanan Diaz-Balart, M. Hayes
Burgess Dicks Heller
Burton (IN) Dingell Hensarling
Butterfield Doggett Herger
Buyer Donnelly Herseth Sandlin
Calvert Doyle Higgins
Camp (MI) Drake Hill
Campbell (CA) Dreier Hinchey
Cannon Duncan Hinojosa
Cantor Edwards (MD) Hirono
Capito Edwards (TX) Hobson
Capps Ehlers Hodes
Capuano Ellison Hoekstra
Ellison Holden

Holt Melancon Schiff
Honda Mica Schmidt
Hooley Michaud Schwartz
Hoyer Miller (FL) Scott (GA)
Hunter Miller (MI) Scott (VA)
Inslee Miller (NC) Sensenbrenner
Israel Miller, Gary Serrano
Issa Miller, George Sessions
Jackson (IL) Mitchell Sestak
Jackson-Lee Mollohan Shadegg
(TX) Moore (KS) Shays
Jefferson Moore (WI) Shea-Porter
Johnson (GA) Moran (KS) Sherman
Johnson, E. B. Moran (VA) Shimkus
Johnson, Sam Murphy (CT) Shuler
Jones (NC) Murphy, Patrick Shuster
Jones (OH) Murphy, Tim Simpson
Jordan Murtha Sires
Kanjorski Musgrave Skelton
Kaptur Myrick Slaughter
Keller Nadler Smith (NE)
Kennedy Napolitano Smith (NJ)
Kildee Neal (MA) Smith (TX)
Kilpatrick Neugebauer Smith (WA)
Kind Nunes Oberstar
King (IA) Oberstar Solis
King (NY) Obey Souder
Kingston Olver Space
Kirk Ortiz Speier
Klein (FL) Pallone Spratt
Kline (MN) Pascrell Stark
Knollenberg Pastor Stearns
Kucinich Paul Stupak
Kuhl (NY) Payne Sullivan
LaHood Pence Tancredo
Lamborn Perlmutter Tanner
Lampson Peterson (MN) Tauscher
Langevin Peterson (PA) Taylor
Larsen (WA) Petri Terry
Larson (CT) Pickering Thompson (CA)
Latham Pitts Thompson (MS)
Latta Platts Thornberry
Lee Poe Tiahrt
Lewis (CA) Pomeroy Tierney
Lewis (GA) Porter Towns
Lewis (KY) Price (GA) Tsongas
Linder Price (NC) Turner
Lipinski Pryce (OH) Upton
LoBiondo Putnam Van Hollen
Loeb sack Radanovich Velázquez
Lofgren, Zoe Rahall Velázquez
Lowey Ramstad Visclosky
Lucas Rangel Walberg
Lungren, Daniel Rehberg Walden (OR)
E. Reichert Walsh (NY)
Mack Renzi Walz (MN)
Mahoney (FL) Reynolds Wamp
Maloney (NY) Richardson Wasserman
Manzullo Rodriguez Schultz
Marchant Rogers (AL) Waters
Markey Rogers (KY) Watson
Foster Rogers (MI) Watt
Matheson Rohrabacher Waxman
Matsui Roskam Weiner
McCarthy (NY) Ross Welch (VT)
McCaul (TX) Rothman Westmoreland
McCollum (MN) Roybal-Allard Wexler
McCotter Royce Whitfield (KY)
McDermott Rumpertberger Wilson (NM)
McGovern Ryan (OH) Wilson (OH)
McHenry Ryan (WI) Wilson (SC)
McIntyre Salazar Wittman (VA)
McKeon Sali Wolf
McMorris Sanchez, Linda Woolsey
Rodgers T. Wu
McNerney Sanchez, Loretta Yarmuth
McNulty Sarbanes Young (AK)
Meek (FL) Scalise Young (FL)
Meeks (NY) Schakowsky

NOT VOTING—36

Allen Graves Regula
Andrews Gutierrez Reyes
Barrow Hulshof Ros-Lehtinen
Boehner Inglis (SC) Rush
Brown, Corrine Johnson (IL) Saxton
Brown-Waite, Kagen Sutton
Ginny LaTourette Tiberi
Costello Levin Udall (CO)
Cubin Lynch Udall (NM)
Doolittle McCarthy (CA) Weldon (FL)
Engel McCrery Weller
Gilchrest McHugh
Gingrey Pearce

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised there are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 4789

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 4789.

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

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 4137, COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY AND AFFORDABILITY ACT OF 2008

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 4137) to amend and extend the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes, with a Senate amendment thereto, disagree to the Senate amendment, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Conferees will be appointed at a later time.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later.

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2008 NCAA BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. HARE. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1151) congratulating the University of Tennessee women's basketball team for winning the 2008 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Basketball Championship.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1151

Whereas on April 8, 2008, the University of Tennessee women's basketball team, the

Lady Vols, defeated the Cardinals of Stanford University by a score of 64 to 48 to win the 2008 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Women's Basketball Championship;

Whereas this championship was the 2nd national title for the Lady Vols in as many years, and their 8th national title in the last 21 years;

Whereas the Lady Vols were successful due to the leadership of Coach Pat Summitt, the Nation's alltime winningest NCAA basketball coach in both the men's and women's leagues, with 983 wins over 34 seasons at the University of Tennessee;

Whereas Women's Athletics Director Joan Cronan has shown vision and leadership throughout her 25-year career at the University of Tennessee, and created one of the most visible and respected athletic programs in the country;

Whereas the Lady Vols compiled an impressive overall record of 36 wins and 2 losses, with the 2nd most wins in a single season in school history;

Whereas Candace Parker tallied 17 points and 9 rebounds; became the 4th player to win back-to-back Most Outstanding Player of the Final Four honors; broke the University of Tennessee record for free throws made, with 523, and attempted, with 738; moved into 3rd place in the NCAA record for free throws attempted with 118 in NCAA tournament career games; scored in double figures for the 44th game in a row and the 105th time of her career; and moved into 3rd place in the University of Tennessee record books for single season scoring, with 809;

Whereas Shannon Bobbitt scored double figures, with 13, for the 17th time this season and the 33rd time of her career, and her trio of three-pointers moved her past Kara Lawson's 2002-2003 season total of 77 treys and into 3rd place in the University of Tennessee single season record books;

Whereas Alexis Hornbuckle played her 21st NCAA tournament game, moving her into a tie for 5th place in NCAA history;

Whereas Nicky Anosike added 12 points, 8 rebounds, and 6 steals for the Lady Vols; played in her 21st NCAA tournament game, moving her into a tie for 5th place in NCAA history; ranks 4th in NCAA history with 44 career steals in the NCAA tournament; tied for 2nd in an NCAA championship game with her 6 steals on April 8;

Whereas Candace Parker, Shannon Bobbitt, and Nicky Anosike earned All-Final Four team honors; and

Whereas Coach Pat Summitt's Lady Vols continue their remarkable graduation rate, with every student athlete who completed her eligibility at the University of Tennessee either graduating or working toward all the requirements for graduation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) congratulates the University of Tennessee women's basketball team for being champions on and off the court, and for their victory in the 2008 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Women's Basketball Championship;

(2) recognizes the significant achievements of the players, coaches, students, alumni, and support staff whose dedication and hard work helped the University of Tennessee Lady Vols win the NCAA championship; and

(3) respectfully requests the Clerk of the House of Representatives to transmit copies of this resolution to the following for appropriate display—

(A) Dr. John D. Petersen, President of the University of Tennessee;

(B) Dr. Jan Simek, Interim Chancellor of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville;

(C) Joan Cronan, Women's Athletics Director; and

(D) Pat Summitt, Women's Basketball Head Coach.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HARE) and the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. KLINE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HARE. Madam Speaker, I request 5 legislative days during which Members may revise and extend and insert extraneous material on House Resolution 1151 into the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

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

Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the University of Tennessee women's basketball team for their victory in the 2008 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I women's basketball championship.

On April 8, women's basketball fans were treated to an exceptional game as the University of Tennessee Volunteers defeated the Stanford University Cardinal and clinched their eighth national title. The resounding 64-48 defeat marks back-to-back national titles for the Lady Vols.

I want to extend my congratulations to Head Coach Pat Summitt, Associate Head Coach Holly Warlick, and Assistant Coaches Dean Lockwood and Daedra Charles-Furlow. With 983 wins, Coach Summitt is the winningest NCAA basketball coach in both the men's and women's leagues.

At the onset of the season, Summitt also received the prestigious John R. Wooden Legends of Coaching lifetime achievement award. As the first female to receive this award, Summitt was recognized for her talents and hard work with her players both on and off the court. Thanks to the dedication of the entire coaching staff, the Lady Vols have an impressive track record of winning games and also boast an impressive 100 percent graduation rate for student athletes who completed their eligibility at the University.

Congratulations are also in order for forward Candace Parker, who was named the most outstanding player of the Final Four for the second year in a row. Parker, a junior from Naperville, Illinois, also broke the University of Tennessee's record for free throws made and attempted, and moved into third place at the University for single season scoring. In her tenure at the University of Tennessee, Parker has scored in double figures 105 times, and the championship game was the 44th game in a row that she completed this fete. Parker was also named the 2008 Naismith Women's College Player of the Year, and was selected by the Los Angeles Sparks as the first pick in the WNBA draft.

We must also congratulate Shannon Bobbit and Nicky Anosike who, along with Parker, rounded out the All-Final Four team. Bobbit, a senior from Manhattan, New York, moved into third place in the University of Tennessee's record books when she scored three three-pointers in the final game, for a total of 77 three-pointers in a single season. Anosike, a senior from Staten Island, New York, ranks fourth in steals in NCAA history, with 44 in her career, and tied for second in a championship game with six against the Cardinal.

The extraordinary achievement of this year is attributed to the skill and dedication of the many players, coaches, students, alumni, family, and fans that have helped make the University of Tennessee a basketball powerhouse. Winning the national championship, finishing the season with a 36-2 overall record, and winning the Southeastern Conference tournament title has once again brought national acclaim to the University of Tennessee. I know that fans of the University will revel in this accomplishment as they look forward to the 2009 season.

Madam Speaker, once again, I congratulate the University of Tennessee women's basketball team for their success.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. KLINE of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 1151, and I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN).

Mr. DUNCAN. I thank the gentleman from Minnesota for yielding me this time.

Madam Speaker, the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame is located in my district and my hometown in Knoxville, Tennessee. One of the main reason is that no college team in history, men's or women's, and no coach can claim the accomplishments of the University of Tennessee Lady Vols basketball team and head coach Pat Summitt.

On April 8, 2008, as the gentleman from Illinois just mentioned, the University of Tennessee Lady Vols captured their second NCAA Division I national championship in a row, beating the Cardinal of Stanford University by a score of 64-48. It was their eighth national championship victory, cementing Coach Summitt's status as the Nation's all-time winningest NCAA basketball coach in both the men's and women's leagues.

Coach Summitt, with 983 wins over 34 seasons at the University of Tennessee, is certainly a remarkable leader. Anyone who has had the pleasure of meeting her in person knows the depth of her character, and it shows both on and off the court. Her 2008 team continues a remarkable 100 percent graduation rate. Every student athlete since she became head coach has completed their eligibility at the University of Tennessee, either graduating or working

toward the requirements for graduation within the required 6-year time limit set by NCAA rules.

I have always said that the colors orange and white are almost as patriotic in my district as red, white, and blue. I doubt there is any community that shows more support for women's athletics than the people of Tennessee. The Lady Vols regularly attract huge crowds to watch them play, sometimes as large as 25,000 people. It is easy to become overwhelmed with statistics when speaking of the Lady Vols. They finished this season with 36 wins and only two losses, the second most wins in a single season in school history.

I especially want to commend Candace Parker, who won back-to-back most outstanding player of the Final Four, and some people say that she is probably the greatest women's basketball player of all time. I also want to congratulate Shannon Bobbit and Nicky Anosike, who both also earned All-Final Four team honors, and Alexis Hornbuckle who played and started in her 21st NCAA tournament game.

I want to also thank all the members of the Tennessee delegation for cosponsoring this resolution, as well as 16 other bipartisan cosponsors from across the country.

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I also want to commend the entire coaching staff, Pat Head Summitt, certainly the greatest head coach in women's basketball history; Joan Cronan, our great women's athletics director; and Holly Warlick, associate head coach; Dean Lockwood, assistant coach; and Nikki Caldwell, assistant coach, who is now moving on to become UCLA's new head coach. And I certainly appreciate the nationwide support for this resolution. And I urge all of my colleagues to support this resolution.

Mr. HARE. Madam Speaker, at this time I will yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Tennessee, Representative JOHN TANNER.

Mr. TANNER. Madam Speaker, I could not improve on the eloquence of my friend, JIMMY DUNCAN from Knoxville, but I just wanted to join and thank you for bringing this resolution about the Lady Vols. It is a storied program. I went there some years ago now and played a little basketball myself, and I doubt, I told somebody today, I couldn't make the women's team now.

But Pat Summitt is really a legend, and she and my Chief of Staff, Vikki Walling were teammates at UT-Martin several years ago.

It is not only a sense of pride to those of us from Tennessee for the many accomplishments that the Lady Vols have made over the years, but the graduation rate of the players is something, I think, that is really indicative of the kind of quality program that Coach Summitt and her staff run. And so I want to thank you, again, for bringing this to the floor.

Mr. KLINE of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, I just want to extend my congratulations to Head Coach Pat Summitt, all the hardworking players, the fans and the University of Tennessee. I am very happy this evening to join my friends and colleagues, particularly the gentlemen from Tennessee who spoke so eloquently about their school and honoring this exceptional team and all of its accomplishments.

I ask my colleagues to support this resolution, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. HARE. Madam Speaker, I urge that all my colleagues support this resolution for a wonderful basketball team, wonderful women, wonderful coaches and assistant coaches, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HARE) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1151.

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. KLINE of Minnesota. Madam 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.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF CONNECTING FOSTER YOUTH TO THE WORKFORCE THROUGH INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

Mr. HARE. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1332) recognizing the importance of connecting foster youth to the workforce through internship programs, and encouraging employers to increase employment of former foster youth.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1332

Whereas, on any given day, there are more than 500,000 youth in foster care in the United States;

Whereas an estimated 26,000 of these youth are discharged from the foster care system or "age out" with little to no resources to start their own lives;

Whereas the people of the United States have a sincere appreciation for the circumstances that place children in foster care;

Whereas foster youth possess unique qualities and skills that make them ideal candidates for employment, but compared to youth nationally and youth from low-income families, they are less likely to be employed or employed regularly;

Whereas, when afforded comprehensive support, this resilient population excels in the job market;

Whereas, within 18 months after leaving foster care, 25 percent of foster youth become homeless and comprise more than a quarter of the United States homeless population;

Whereas, without positive intervention, youth who age out of foster care often have bouts of homelessness, criminal activity, and incarceration;

Whereas addressing job readiness early in the transition to adulthood is critical to shaping the future trajectories of these youth; and

Whereas youth who begin connecting to the workforce prior to discharge from foster care maintain the highest probability of employment: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes the importance of connecting foster youth to the workforce through internship programs, such as the Orphan Foundation of America's InternAmerica program, that provide foster youth the foundation upon which to build their careers and to be successful members of the work force; and

(2) encourages employers of all sectors and Federal, State, and local governmental agencies to increase employment of the young men and women who have been discharged from foster care in the United States.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HARE) and the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. KLINE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HARE. Madam Speaker, I request 5 legislative days during which Members may revise and extend and insert extraneous material on House Resolution 1332 into the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. HARE. Madam Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

I rise today in support of House Resolution 1332, which recognizes the importance of connecting foster youth to employment opportunities. The foster care system currently serves 500,000 youth. Out of those 500,000 foster youth, 25 percent of them become homeless within 18 months after aging out of the system. Many of these young people find themselves on the street with few resources. Not only are they without housing and a family support system, but they also lack work experience that can help them reverse their downward slide.

The resolution before us today points out the importance of connecting youth to the workforce through internship programs and, in particular, how foster kids can benefit from these opportunities.

Orphan Foundation of America's Intern American program offers foster youth top-tier internships, housing and professional development seminars here in our Nation's Capital. Some of these great internships coordinated by OFA's Intern American program are with Members of Congress, Fortune 500