

Harlon Hill Trophy as Division II Football's most outstanding player, the Grand Valley State Football Team was an example of resiliency and determination as they strived to meet their team goal of a national championship. This triumph was truly a team effort.

Finally, I would like to also offer my thanks and congratulations to the extended family of Grand Valley State University, the alumni, the faculty, the fans, and of course the students who supported this team.

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

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume, and I rise in support of H. Res. 13, congratulating the Grand Valley State University Lakers for winning the NCAA Division II National Football Championship. This national championship is a special moment for Grand Valley State's fans and its university community. It is the school's first national championship in any varsity sport.

This is an outstanding achievement, especially when we consider that Division II football athletes do not have the benefit and publicity garnered by Division I schools. I know that as a fact because one of my sons was an All American Tackle for a Division II school and it was exciting, but they did not get any of the recognition that the Division I schools garnered.

I want to extend my hearty congratulations to Head Coach Brian Kelly, the Grand Valley State community, all of their fans, and most importantly their student athletes. Grand Valley's athletes have certainly performed admirably, and they deserve all the praise that we can give them.

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

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to my colleague from the State of Michigan (Mr. EHLERS), who also represents a number of Grand Valley State campuses in his district.

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman for yielding me this time, and I can only echo the words of congratulation that he has offered.

Just to give a little more information about Grand Valley State University, it did not start until 1960, with 223 students. If they fielded a football team that year, it would have consumed 10 percent of the student body. And in 42 short years, they went from that to a rather large University of 20,000 students, more than 48,000 alumni, and winning the national championship in the NCAA. It is an astounding record.

Also, I might mention that the main campus is in the west Michigan area, represented by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. HOEKSTRA), from whom we just heard; but the downtown campus is in my district. That consists of many graduate studies programs, engineering, and post-graduate course offerings.

It is a remarkable record of success. I have to pay tribute to the former president, Arend (Don) Lubbers, who served from 1968 through 2001 and did an incredible job of taking a fledgling university and building it into a full-grown university. In fact, the football stadium at Grand Valley is named after him, and is called Lubbers Stadium. The current president, Mark Murray, succeeded Lubbers in 2001. He has been there a short time and has done a great job of continuing the work there.

Football and sports are not the be-all and end-all of the university experience, especially in Michigan, where we have a strong orientation towards academic performance. But President Lubbers understood that successful sports teams are a source of pride for the students, staff, administration, and alumni of the schools they represent. In this respect, Grand Valley State University Lakers have ably represented their university and all of west Michigan in their march to the national championship.

The opportunity of playing on national television in the Division II championship game in each of the past two seasons has given Grand Valley State University national exposure it never would have received otherwise. I wish to congratulate the team for their tremendous performance this year. They came within one game of winning the national championship last year. They came back determined to win it this year, and they did.

Congratulations are also due to Coach Brian Kelly, who was named last night as the American Football Coaches Association's Division II National Coach of the Year. He has done an outstanding job there. I also want to congratulate senior quarterback Curt Anes, who received the Harlan Hill Trophy, which is Division II's equivalent of the Heisman Trophy. He is also a First-Team All American.

Senior wide receiver David Kircus, also a First-Team All American, set numerous NCAA Division II and school records throughout his career.

In addition, congratulations are due to offensive lineman Dale Westrick and defensive lineman Keyonta Marshall, both named First-Team All Americans.

Also, I have to congratulate not only the school, not only the team, the coach and the players, but also the supporters of the Grand Valley State University Lakers, who set a conference attendance record. That shows their loyalty and their support for the university and for their sports teams.

So I am very pleased that the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. HOEKSTRA) has offered this resolution. I am very pleased to join him in commending Grand Valley State University and their football team for their very, very, very fine performance.

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

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time, and I

would once again like to congratulate the Grand Valley State University Lakers. They have had an awesome year. Today we recognize them and congratulate them for that performance.

Mr. Speaker, as we pass this resolution, I would extend to the President a request that he invite the Grand Valley State University football team to Washington, D.C., to a White House ceremony that the White House traditionally hosts for Division II national championships of all sports; and we look forward to that happening.

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Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the extended Grand Valley State University family.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ISAKSON). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. HOEKSTRA) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, House Resolution 13.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN ENGRESSMENT OF H. RES. 13, CONGRATULATING THE GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY LAKERS FOR WINNING THE 2002 NCAA DIVISION II FOOTBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that in the engrossment of House Resolution 13 the Clerk be authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross references and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House.

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

There was no objection.

#### HONORING WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY FOR WINNING 2002 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION DIVISION I-AA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 17) honoring the Hilltoppers of Western Kentucky University from Bowling Green, Kentucky, for winning the 2002 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I-AA football championship.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 17

Whereas the Western Kentucky University Hilltoppers from Bowling Green, Kentucky, won the 2002 NCAA Division I-AA collegiate football national championship;

Whereas the national championship is the first for the Western Kentucky University football program since its inception in 1913;

Whereas the Hilltoppers had an impressive overall record of 12 wins and 3 losses during the 2002 season, which included 10 consecutive wins;

Whereas the Hilltoppers showed tremendous dedication to each other, appreciation to their fans, sportsmanship to their opponents, and respect for the game of football throughout their 2002 season;

Whereas Western Kentucky University was represented with integrity and principled leadership under the direction of Head Football Coach Jack Harbaugh, Athletic Director Dr. Wood Selig, and President Dr. Gary A. Ransdell; and

Whereas on December 20, 2002, the Western Kentucky University Hilltoppers, ranked 15th among Division I-AA teams, defeated the top-ranked McNeese State University Cowboys for the 2002 NCAA Division I-AA football championship in Chattanooga, Tennessee, by a score of 34-14: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives honors the Western Kentucky University football team from Bowling Green, Kentucky, for winning the 2002 NCAA Division I-AA football championship.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. HOEKSTRA) and the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. HOEKSTRA).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H. Res. 17.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. LEWIS).

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, with Western Kentucky University's recent success on the basketball court and the Hilltoppers' first NCAA championship on the football field in 2002, Kentucky is now home to yet another top-ranked college sports program. I am proud to have Western Kentucky University in my district.

We were not in session on December 20 when Western Kentucky won its first Division I-AA football championship, but I wanted to take this opportunity in this session of Congress to acknowledge the team's achievements.

The 15th ranked Hilltoppers defeated top-ranked McNeese State 34-14 in the championship game. Western brought their best game to the playoffs and the championship, defeating the three highest ranked teams on their way to taking the title.

Just as they had all season, the Toppers again relied on their tough defense and strong running game. Jon Frazier rushed for 159 yards and two touchdowns, bringing his season total to 1,537 yards and moving him into second

place in Western's running records. The defense combined for three interceptions and a sack, holding McNeese State below its season scoring average.

In his 14th year at Western Kentucky, Coach Jack Harbaugh saw his and the team's hard work finally pay off. Coach Harbaugh has been committed to the Western football program and has built a successful program that the University, the Bowling Green community and the State should be proud of.

After starting the season with a 2-3 record, including a loss to McNeese State, the Hilltoppers relied on their teamwork and dedication to win 10 straight games, finishing the season with the national championship.

Mr. Speaker, I join Western Kentucky University and all of Bowling Green in congratulating the Hilltopper football team on its national championship season.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 17 congratulating the Hilltoppers of Western Kentucky for winning the 2002 Division I-AA national football championship. It is quite an achievement to win a national championship at any college level, and this championship is even more noteworthy due to the fact that it is Western Kentucky's first national championship since 1913.

Student athletes split their time between their athletic and academic pursuits. The student athletes that make up this year's national championship Hilltoppers' team must be commended because they did such a good job for their dual pursuit. I want to especially congratulate them for all their hard work, and also extend my hardy congratulations to head coach Jack Harbaugh for a great season and great win.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of House Res. 17 honoring the Hilltoppers of Western Kentucky University from Bowling Green, Kentucky for winning the 2002 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I-AA football championship.

I want to thank my colleague, the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. LEWIS), for sponsoring this resolution and congratulate the gentleman for the success this school has had from his district and for his opportunity to represent them in Washington, D.C.

Today the House has recognized the outstanding athletic accomplishment of our Nation's young people. These championships are a testament to the spirit of athletic competition; and, frankly, they are enormous fun to watch. I congratulate all of the athletes and schools who have participated in collegiate athletics, and express my specific congratulations to Western Kentucky University.

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

Mr. HOEKSTRA. 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 Michigan (Mr. HOEKSTRA) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 17.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AUTHORIZING SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR JUSTICES AND JUDGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 16) to authorize salary adjustments for Justices and judges of the United States for fiscal year 2003.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 16

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION OF SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR FEDERAL JUSTICES AND JUDGES.

Pursuant to section 140 of Public Law 97-92, Justices and judges of the United States are authorized during fiscal year 2003 to receive a salary adjustment in accordance with section 461 of title 28, United States Code.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. SENSENBRENNER) and the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. SENSENBRENNER).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill, H.R. 16, currently under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, this legislation authorizes Federal judges to receive the same cost of living pay adjustment that all Federal employees, including Members of Congress, have received for calendar year 2003.

By way of background, Congress enacted the Executive Salary Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act in 1975, which was intended to give judges, Members of Congress and other high-ranking Executive Branch officials automatic COLAs as accorded other Federal employees unless rejected by Congress. In