

Sánchez, Linda T.	Smith (WA)	Walberg
Sanchez, Loretta	Snyder	Walden (OR)
Sarbanes	Solis	Walsh (NY)
Saxton	Souder	Waltz (MN)
Schakowsky	Space	Wamp
Schiff	Spratt	Wasserman
Schmidt	Stearns	Schultz
Schwartz	Stupak	Waters
Scott (GA)	Sullivan	Watson
Scott (VA)	Tancredo	Watt
Serrano	Tanner	Waxman
Sessions	Tauscher	Weiner
Sestak	Taylor	Welch (VT)
Shadegg	Terry	Weldon (FL)
Shays	Thompson (MS)	Westmoreland
Shea-Porter	Thornberry	Whitfield (KY)
Sherman	Tiahrt	Wicker
Shimkus	Tiberi	Wilson (NM)
Shuler	Tierney	Wilson (OH)
Shuster	Towns	Wilson (SC)
Simpson	Tsongas	Wittman (VA)
Sires	Turner	Wolf
Skelton	Udall (CO)	Wu
Slaughter	Udall (NM)	Wynn
Smith (NE)	Upton	Yarmuth
Smith (NJ)	Van Hollen	Young (AK)
Smith (TX)	Velázquez	Young (FL)
	Viscolsky	

NAYS—1

Castor

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Sensenbrenner

NOT VOTING—27

Blumenauer	Hooley	Paul
Boehner	Hunter	Pryce (OH)
Cubin	Jindal	Rohrabacher
Galleghy	Johnson, E. B.	Stark
Gilchrest	McHenry	Sutton
Gutierrez	Miller, Gary	Thompson (CA)
Hall (TX)	Murtha	Weller
Hastings (FL)	Ortiz	Wexler
Hobson	Pastor	Woolsey

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Mr. POE changed his vote from "present" to "yea."

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow, I have an appointment for eye surgery, which cannot be rescheduled.

Were I able to attend today's session in the House of Representatives, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes Nos. 1163, 1164, 1165, 1166, 1167, 1168, 1169, 1170, 1171, 1172 and 1173.

ORPHANS IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN

(Mr. McDERMOTT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, over the weekend I saw a couple of movies that everybody in this House ought to see: One is "Charlie Wilson's War," which is about the Afghan war and driving the Russians out; and the second is "Kite Runner," which is a movie about trying to rescue one orphan in the Afghan situation.

On the 15th of December, on Saturday, in a conference in Baghdad, it was announced that there are 5 million or-

phans created by the United States of America's war on Iraq. Maybe they are off by a million; maybe it's only 4 million. But when you see that movie "Kite Runner," just imagine that being 4 million kids that are our responsibility because we invaded a country under false pretenses and we are continuing to leave a mess. Five million orphans at Christmastime.

Merry Christmas, everyone.

TOYS FOR KIDS ANNUAL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. This is a season for joy and for giving, and it is a season where children's eyes particularly sparkle. I rise today, Mr. Speaker, to pay tribute and thank the many, many volunteers that joined me on this past Saturday to provide, again, for the 13th Annual Toys for Kids Annual Holiday Program and Christmas Giveaway in the 18th Congressional District.

So many volunteers came from so many parts of our community. The faith community; fraternity and sorority community; the women's organizations; and schools came out to celebrate with our kids. NASA participated. Four astronauts came to celebrate and to compete, if you will, with Santa Claus.

Over 3,000 children came to receive gifts, fellowship, to eat. But this could not have been done without all of the supporters and certainly all of the volunteers. I tip my hat to all of you for bringing joy to the children's hearts and minds this past Saturday, December 15, 2007. Again, a great success for the Kids Annual Holiday Program in Houston, Texas.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BRALEY of Iowa). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 18, 2007, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members are recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. POE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

CONGRATULATING APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY ON THEIR THIRD CONSECUTIVE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the third consecutive na-

tional football championship won by Appalachian State University this weekend in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The ASU Mountaineers soundly defeated the University of Delaware 49-21 in the football championship subdivision's championship game on Friday before a record-breaking crowd at Finley Stadium in Chattanooga.

In taking the 2007 FCS championship crown, ASU becomes the first football team in history to win three consecutive national championships. Friday's win was the crown jewel of an eight-game winning streak that propelled the Mountaineers to their historic "threepeat."

2007 was a historic year for football at Appalachian State. The Mountaineers began the year by defeating Michigan in an epic battle that proved to football fans around the country that this team is for real. So it is fitting that a season that began on such a historic note should end with an even greater achievement and place Appalachian State squarely in the record books.

This year, ASU went 13-2, defeated one of the most highly ranked teams in football and secured a record three straight national championships. ASU has proven that this is a team not only of skilled athletes led by a dedicated coaching staff, but that this is a team with heart and incredible drive. Friday's game showed how much the Mountaineers are committed to playing the game with excellence every time they take the field.

The Mountaineers, led by Coach Jerry Moore, notched their third consecutive championship with stellar play on both the offensive and defensive sides of the ball. They started the game by scoring on three possessions in a row. This put them out to an early 21-0 lead that set the tone for the rest of the game.

Quarterback Armanti Edwards, who suffered shoulder injuries earlier in the season, led the team by throwing three touchdowns, running for 89 yards on 18 carries and completing 9 of 15 passes for 198 yards.

Running the ball was Kevin Richardson, the Mountaineer running back, who rushed for 118 yards against Delaware in the championship game and padded the Appalachian State lead with two touchdowns. All told, the Mountaineers racked up 358 rushing yards in their 28-point margin of victory.

On the defensive side, senior defensive back Corey Lynch wrapped up an illustrious tenure at Appalachian by finishing the game with four pass breakups, making his college career total 52. This gives Lynch the NCAA Division I record for pass defense.

What makes this team all the more remarkable for their three straight national championships is how they coalesced around a combination of talent and grit that the sports establishment either ignored or overlooked while the football program at Appalachian just continued to get better and better.