

H. Res. 266

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

September 10, 2003.

Whereas on Friday, May 30, 2003, the Clemson University Tigers men's golf team won the 2003 NCAA Division I Men's Golf Championship, the first National Championship for the Clemson men's golf team;

Whereas the Tigers finished the Championship with a four-round total of 1191 strokes, for 39 shots over par, beating the second place Oklahoma State University Cowboys by two strokes;

Whereas the Tigers won the National Championship on the home course of Oklahoma State University, one of the most decorated golf schools in the Nation;

Whereas the Clemson golf team was the first in NCAA history to win its conference championship, a NCAA regional title, and the National Championship in the same year;

Whereas the Tigers started the year and ended the year as the number one ranked team in the Nation;

Whereas the Tigers finished the season with a 128–8–3 record against opponents ranked in the top 25 teams in the country, which amounts to an incredible winning percentage of 93 percent, by far the best in the Nation and the best in Clemson history;

Whereas all of the Tigers players who participated in the NCAA Championship are native-born South Carolinians;

Whereas players D.J. Trahan, Jack Ferguson, and Matt Hendrix were honored as All-Americans for the 2002–03 season;

Whereas Head Coach Larry Penley won the Golf Coaches Association of America’s Dave Williams Award as the National Coach of the Year;

Whereas the Clemson University men’s golf team has displayed outstanding dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the season in achieving collegiate golf’s highest honor; and

Whereas the Tigers have brought pride and honor to the State of South Carolina: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) commends the Clemson University Tigers for winning the 2003 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men’s Golf Championship;

(2) recognizes the achievements of all the team’s players, coaches, and staff and invites them to the United States Capitol Building to be honored in an appropriate manner;

(3) requests that the President recognize the team’s accomplishments and invite the team to the White House for a ceremony in honor of their National Championship; and

(4) directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make available enrolled copies of this resolution

to Clemson University for appropriate display and to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to each coach and member of the 2003 NCAA Division I Men's Golf Championship team from Clemson University.

Attest:

Clerk.