

108TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. RES. 314

Congratulating the University of Illinois Fighting Illini men's tennis team  
for their successful season.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 9, 2003

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois submitted the following resolution; which was referred  
to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## RESOLUTION

Congratulating the University of Illinois Fighting Illini men's  
tennis team for their successful season.

Whereas the University of Illinois Fighting Illini men's tennis  
team concluded their season with a rare Triple Crown,  
including championships in the team tournament, singles  
tournament, and doubles tournament, which were held at  
the University of Georgia in Athens;

Whereas the Fighting Illini became the first team that used  
three different players in the singles and doubles tour-  
naments to capture the Triple Crown of college tennis;

Whereas the Fighting Illini won the first NCAA team cham-  
pionship in the history of the University of Illinois's ten-  
nis program as well as the first national team title for  
the university in any sport since 1989;

Whereas the Fighting Illini became the first team, other than the teams of the University of Southern California, Stanford University, the University of California, Los Angeles, and the University of Georgia, to win the national title since the NCAA adopted the current NCAA team championship format in 1977;

Whereas the Fighting Illini earned the team's first Intercollegiate Tennis Association National Indoor Championship in February 2003, after which the team propelled to the number one ranking where it remained for the entire season;

Whereas the Fighting Illini won their seventh consecutive Big Ten Conference regular-season championship, as well as their sixth Big Ten Tournament crown in the last seven years;

Whereas the Fighting Illini has become the team with the all-time most wins, and the fourth undefeated and untied team in the 84-year history of the University of Illinois men's tennis program;

Whereas the Fighting Illini team member, Amer Delic, won the first national singles title of the University of Illinois and team members Rajeev Ram and Brian Wilson won the university's second NCAA doubles crown; and

Whereas the 2003 Fighting Illini team was one of only two teams in the 64 team NCAA tournament that was comprised entirely of players from the United States: Now, therefore, be it

- 1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2               (1) congratulates and recognizes the University
- 3       of Illinois Fighting Illini men's tennis team, coach

1 Craig Tiley, and assistant coach Bruce Breque for  
2 the team's historic, successful, and monumental sea-  
3 son; and

4 (2) directs the Clerk of the House of Represent-  
5 atives to send, upon passage, an official copy of this  
6 Resolution to coach Craig Tiley, assistant coach  
7 Bruce Breque, and all other members of the 2003  
8 National Championship men's tennis team.

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