

109TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. RES. 430

Commending the University of Florida men's basketball team for winning the 2006 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Basketball Championship.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 5, 2006

Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Mr. MARTINEZ) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Commending the University of Florida men's basketball team for winning the 2006 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Basketball Championship.

Whereas on Monday, April 3, 2006, the University of Florida men's basketball team (referred to in this preamble as the "Florida Gators") defeated the men's basketball team of the University of California, Los Angeles, by a score of 73–57, to win the 2006 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Basketball Championship;

Whereas that historic victory by the Florida Gators was a product of—

- (1) an almost flawless and unselfish team performance; and

(2) individual player excellence and versatility from members of the Florida Gators;

Whereas that victory marked the first national basketball championship victory for the University of Florida, and occurred 10 years after the school won the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Championship;

Whereas the head coach of the Florida Gators, Billy Donovan, became the second youngest coach to win the national championship, after leading the Florida Gators to a school-best, 33–6 record;

Whereas University of Florida sophomore Joakim Noah was chosen as the most outstanding player of the Final Four;

Whereas each player, coach, trainer, and manager dedicated his or her time and effort to ensuring that the Florida Gators reached the pinnacle of team achievement; and

Whereas the families of the players, students, alumni, and faculty of the University of Florida, and all of the supporters of the University of Florida, are to be congratulated for their commitment to, and pride in, the basketball program at the University of Florida: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) commends the University of Florida men’s
3 basketball team for winning the 2006 National Col-
4 legiate Athletic Association Division I Basketball
5 Championship;

6 (2) recognizes the achievements of all of the
7 players, coaches, and support staff who were instru-

1 mental in helping the University of Florida men’s
2 basketball team win the 2006 National Collegiate
3 Athletic Association Division I Basketball Cham-
4 pionship, and invites those individuals to the United
5 States Capitol Building to be honored; and

6 (3) respectfully requests the Enrolling Clerk of
7 the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this reso-
8 lution to—

9 (A) the University of Florida for appro-
10 priate display; and

11 (B) the coach of the University of Florida
12 men’s basketball team, Billy Donovan.

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