

H. Res. 126

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

February 27, 2007.

Whereas the University of Southern California (USC) Trojan football team achieved many historic accomplishments during the 2006 season;

Whereas the USC Trojan football team achieved its fifth consecutive Associated Press (AP) Top 4 finish;

Whereas USC was invited to make an unprecedented fifth consecutive Bowl Championship Series bowl appearance;

Whereas USC won an unprecedented fifth consecutive Pacific-10 Conference championship;

Whereas USC achieved its fifth consecutive season of at least 11 victories, an achievement equaled by only 3 other Division I schools in the history of National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) football;

Whereas USC accomplished these feats while playing the second most difficult schedule in the Nation;

Whereas USC boasts a 33-game winning streak for all home games, as well as a 23-game winning streak for Pac-10 home games;

Whereas USC has maintained a top 10 ranking in the Associated Press College Football Poll for the past 56 editions;

Whereas USC has won 56 of its last 60 games;

Whereas during the 2006 season, USC featured 5 All-American first team players (wide receivers Dwayne Jarrett and Steve Smith, center Ryan Kalil, offensive tackle Sam Baker, and defensive tackle Sedrick Ellis);

Whereas USC head football coach Pete Carroll has the best winning percentage of any current NCAA Division I football coach with at least 5 years of experience;

Whereas the annual Rose Bowl is the oldest of all college bowl games, and its history and prestige have earned it the title “The Granddaddy of Them All”;

Whereas USC has played in the Rose Bowl on 31 occasions and won 22 times, both records exceeding any other collegiate football program;

Whereas during the 2007 Rose Bowl game, USC featured a second half offensive explosion behind a game record-tying 4 touchdown passes from quarterback John David Booty;

Whereas during the 2007 Rose Bowl game, wide receiver Dwayne Jarrett caught 2 touchdown passes, was named Offensive Most Valuable Player for the game, and became USC’s career receptions leader with 11 catches for 205 yards;

Whereas during the 2007 Rose Bowl game, linebacker Brian Cushing made 7 tackles, 4 tackles for losses, 2.5 sacks, and forced a fumble, and he was named the Defensive Most Valuable Player for the game; and

Whereas, under the leadership of USC’s 10th president, Steven B. Sample, USC has established itself as a world-class research university, known for its leadership in the fields of communication, media, the sciences, and the arts: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) commends the University of Southern California Trojan football team and USC President Steven B. Sample for USC's victory in the 2007 Rose Bowl; and

(2) recognizes the achievements of the players, coaches, students, alumni, and staff who were instrumental in helping the University of Southern California win the Rose Bowl.

Attest:

Clerk.