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The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. Res. 1456

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Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

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(2) recognizes the achievements of the players, coaches, students, and support staff;

(3) recognizes the contributions and important role that sports programs play in fostering character and life lessons for student-athletes;

(4) recognizes the University of Dayton Flyers basketball program for its academic excellence, community service, and its successful showing at the 2010 National Invitational Tournament.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

CONGRATULATING UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. POLIS) and the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. PETRI) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Colorado.
Mr. PETRI. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise today in support of House Resolution 1456, congratulating the University of Dayton’s men’s basketball team for winning the 2010 National Invitation Tournament basketball championship.

On April 1, 2010, the University of Dayton Flyers defeated the University of North Carolina Tarheels 79–68 in the finals of the National Invitation Men’s Basketball Tournament. The Flyers men’s basketball team now holds 40 all-time victories in the National Invitation Tournament, or NIT, the second-most victories in tournament history.

Days after Coach Brian Gregory led the team to victory in his seventh season as Dayton’s head coach, every season of which has been a winning season. Head Coach Brian Gregory has also led the team to two NCAA tournaments and two National Invitation Tournaments.

Flyers player Chris Johnson earned the 2010 NIT most outstanding player, and 203 was selected to the NIT All-Tournament team. The Dayton Flyers finished the 2009–2010 season with 29 wins and 14 losses, ending the season with the team’s third NIT title.

Although we are celebrating the University of Dayton’s athletic excellence, we should take a moment to recognize the quality of the University of Dayton’s academic programs as well. The University of Dayton is a top-tier national doctoral-level university, and one of the 10 best Catholic universities in the Nation, according to U.S. News & World Report.

Founded in 1850, the University of Dayton’s offerings include 70 high-quality undergraduate programs in four divisions and graduate programs at the master’s and doctoral level, as well as a law degree. The largest private university in Ohio, the University of Dayton, is a leader in higher education. So I extend my congratulations to University of Dayton President Daniel Curran, Head Coach Brian Gregory and his staff, the hardworking players, and of course the fans. I wish all continued success and ask my colleagues to support this resolution.

Madam Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume after the adoption of the resolution, a representative of Dayton and surrounding areas in Ohio, MIKE TURNER.

Mr. TURNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of House Resolution 1456, congratulating the University of Dayton men’s basketball team for winning the 2010 National Invitation Tournament basketball championship.

This past season, the Dayton Flyers men’s basketball team won its third NIT championship in school history. The team won the championship on April 1, defeating the 2009 NCAA Tournament national champion North Carolina Tarheels 79–68. The University of Dayton men’s basketball team is second in all-time wins in the NIT with 40.

In addition to their success off the court, as has been stated, the University of Dayton academically is also very successful with its student athletes. The men’s basketball team upholds a high standard of academic excellence. The program has graduated every senior student athlete since Brian Gregory was named head coach in 2008, including seven players this season. In 2009, the University of Dayton graduated 96 percent of all its student athletes in 2008, the most of any Atlantic 10 Conference school, and it tied for 10th in the Nation.

In 2006, the Savior of Our Cities national survey of community revitalization ranked the University of Dayton number one among Catholic universities and number three overall in helping save America’s cities from blight. They are very active in our community revitalization. The University of Dayton is also a center of research excellence, with UDRI being a major contributor to research that affects our national security.

Not only does the men’s basketball program serve as a significant aspect of campus life, it also plays a major role in bringing people from the surrounding area into the city. The Flyers men’s basketball team has been one of the biggest sports attractions in the Dayton region since UD Arena opened in 1969. Dayton has been in the NCAA’s top 35 in home attendance every season. This past season, the Flyers led the Atlantic 10 Conference in attendance for its 13th straight season.

The University of Dayton is one of the 10 largest Catholic schools in the United States and is the largest of the three Marianist universities in the Nation. The students, alumni, administration, faculty, and supporters of the University of Dayton are to be congratulated for their loyalty and pride in their championship-caliber basketball team.

I would like to thank my Ohio colleagues, all of whom are original sponsors of this resolution. As a proud alum of the University of Dayton MBA program, I urge all of my colleagues to support this resolution congratulating the University of Dayton’s men’s basketball team on their successful season.

Mr. PETRI. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. POLIS. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 275) expressing support for designation of the week beginning on the second Sunday of September as Arts in Education Week, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

H. CON. RES. 275

Whereas arts education, comprising a rich array of disciplines including dance, music, theatre, media arts, literature, design, and visual arts, is a core academic subject and an essential element of a complete and balanced education for all students;

Whereas according to Albert Einstein, “After a certain high level of skill is achieved, science and art tend to coalesce in esthetics, plasticity, and form. The greatest scientists are artists as well.”;

Whereas arts education enables students to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills, imagination and creativity, discipline, alternative ways to communicate and express ideas, and cross-cultural understanding which support academic success across the curriculum as well as personal growth outside the classroom;

Whereas the nonprofit arts sector contributes to the economy and plays an important role in the economic health of communities large and small with direct expenditures of wages and benefits as well as goods and services;

Whereas to succeed in today’s economy, students must masterfully use words, images, sounds, and movement to communicate programs indicate;

Whereas the Nation works to strengthen its foothold in the 21st century global economy, the arts equip students with a creative, competitive edge;

Whereas where schools and communities are delivering high-quality learning opportunities in, through, and about the arts for children, extraordinary results occur;

Whereas studies have shown that schools with large populations of students in poverty can be transformed into vibrant hubs of learning through arts education;

Whereas studies have also found that eighth graders from underresourced environments who are highly involved in the arts across all grades, when they drop out by grade ten, have more positive attitudes about school, and are more likely to go onto college;

Whereas attracting and retaining the best teachers is vital and can be achieved by ensuring that schools embrace the arts, becoming havens for creativity and innovation;

Whereas arts education has the power to make students want to learn not just within the arts, but other areas of study;

Whereas art is integral to the lives of many United States citizens and can improve the vitality of communities and the Nation; and

Whereas the week beginning on the second Sunday of September would be an appropriate week to designate as Arts in Education Week: Now, therefore, be it...