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H. RES. 898

Congratulating the Oregon State University Beavers baseball team for winning the 2006 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I College World Series.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 28, 2006

Ms. HOOLEY (for herself, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. WALDEN of Oregon, Mr. BLUMENAUER, and Mr. WU) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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RESOLUTION

Congratulating the Oregon State University Beavers baseball team for winning the 2006 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I College World Series.

Whereas on June 26, 2006, before 18,565 fans at Rosenblatt Stadium in Omaha, Nebraska, the Oregon State University Beavers baseball team capped a remarkable season, winning the 2006 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I College World Series Championship by defeating the University of North Carolina Tar Heels, 2 games to 1, in a dramatic best-of-three championship series;

Whereas the 2006 College World Series Championship represents the first National Championship for the Beavers baseball team;

Whereas the Beavers won 50 games while losing only 16 in 2006;

Whereas the Beavers shut out the top-ranked baseball team of Rice University in consecutive games to advance to the College World Series Championship;

Whereas the Beavers were the only team to return to the College World Series in 2006 from the previous year;

Whereas Oregon State University's appearance in the 2006 College World Series marked only the third time in the history of the Beavers;

Whereas the Beavers played 8 games in 10 days to win the College World Series Championship;

Whereas the Beavers became the first team to win 6 elimination games at the College World Series;

Whereas the Beavers became the first team since 1990 to win its first College World Series game and a National Championship in the same year;

Whereas Oregon State University became the first school from the Pacific Northwest to win the College World Series Championship;

Whereas Oregon State University became the first Northern-based school to win the College World Series Championship since Ohio State University in 1966;

Whereas the Beavers won their second consecutive Pacific-10 Conference championship in 2006;

Whereas Beavers Head Coach Pat Casey was named the 2006 Pacific-10 Conference Coach of the Year for the second consecutive year and the third time in his career;

Whereas Beavers outfielder Cole Gillespie was named the 2006 Pacific-10 Conference Player of the Year;

Whereas Beavers second baseman Chris Kunda was named the 2006 Pacific-10 Conference Defensive Player of the Year;

Whereas Jonah Nickerson, who started 3 games in 8 days for the Beavers and threw 323 pitches during that span, and did not allow an earned run in his last 16⅔ innings, including his 6⅔ innings in the Championship game, was selected the Most Outstanding Player of the College World Series;

Whereas Kevin Gunderson, who had 3 saves and a win in the College World Series, with his final save against North Carolina in the deciding game, leads the Nation in saves with a total of 20;

Whereas the Beavers had 5 players named to the Men's College World Series All-Tournament Team, including first baseman Bill Rowe, third baseman Shea McFeely, outfielder Cole Gillespie, pitcher Jonah Nickerson, and pitcher Kevin Gunderson;

Whereas Beavers team members Cole Gillespie and Jonah Nickerson were honored as All-Americans for the 2006 season by Baseball America;

Whereas the Beavers have displayed great heart, outstanding dedication, resilience, character, and sportsmanship throughout the season in achieving the highest honor in collegiate baseball;

Whereas the students, alumni, and faculty of Oregon State University and other fans of Oregon State University have shown tremendous commitment to and support for the Beavers baseball program; and

Whereas the Beavers have brought pride to Oregon State University, the Corvallis community, the State of Oregon, and Beaver Nation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives congratulates the Oregon State University Beavers baseball team for winning the 2006 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I College World Series Championship.

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