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Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 39, to congratulate the University of Florida football team on winning the 2006 NCAA national championship.

As a University of Florida graduate, born in "Gator Country," I could not be happier with the outcome of the championship game.

Very few people believed the Gators deserved to play Ohio State in the national championship game, let alone gave them a chance of defeating a very good Buckeye team.

They certainly proved the critics wrong!

I also would like to congratulate the University of Florida for becoming the first institution in Division 1 history to hold both the NCAA Men's Basketball and Football Championships simultaneously. This achievement is truly historic.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in congratulating these fine young men on their victory and I wish the Gators continued success in the future.

I yield back the balance of my time.