

U.S. Rep. Jo Bonner, R-AL, cosponsored a resolution January 13, 2010 honoring the BCS National Champion University of Alabama football team.

The congressional resolution (H Res 1007) was introduced by Rep. Spencer Bachus, R-AL, and cosponsored by Rep. Bonner and the other Members of the Alabama Congressional delegation.

“All Alabamians can take pride in the Crimson Tide’s victory over Texas in the BCS National Championship Game. This crowning achievement is a fitting testament to what a motivated team inspired by exceptional leadership can accomplish,” Rep. Bonner said.

“In three short years, Coach Nick Saban and his players have restored the University of Alabama to its rightful place among the best in college football. The young men of Alabama have demonstrated a toughness, resolve, and commitment to each other that will serve them well throughout life. As a representative, an alumnus and a fan, I couldn’t be happier with the Tide’s triumph over the talented and determined Longhorns – Roll Tide!”

The text of the resolution is below:

RESOLUTION

Commending the University of Alabama for winning the Bowl Championship Series National Championship Game.

Whereas, on January 7, 2010, the University of Alabama Crimson Tide defeated the University of Texas Longhorns 37-21, in the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) National Championship Game in Pasadena, California;

Whereas the University of Alabama located in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, has become one of the premier athletic and academic institutions in the country;

Whereas the University of Alabama has been the Southeastern Conference (SEC) Football Champion a record-setting 22 times;

Whereas the University of Alabama has made an NCAA record 57 bowl appearances;

Whereas the Crimson Tide players won many individual accomplishments throughout the season including, Mark Ingram as the first player from the University of Alabama to win the Heisman Trophy, Rolando McClain as the Butkus Award Winner, and 6 players selected as Associated Press First Team All Americans;

Whereas Mark Ingram rushed for 116 yards and 2 touchdowns to be named the Offensive Most Valuable Player of the BCS National Championship Game;

Whereas Marcell Dareus returned an interception for a touchdown and was named the Defensive Most Valuable Player of the BCS National Championship Game;

Whereas the Crimson Tide defense held the University of Texas to 276 Offensive yards and forced 5 turnovers during the BCS National Championship Game;

Whereas Nick Saban in his third year as head coach lead the University of Alabama to its first National Championship since 1992; and

Whereas residents of Alabama and Crimson Tide fans worldwide are to be commended for their longstanding support, perseverance, and pride in the team: Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the House of Representatives--

- (1) commends the University of Alabama for winning the Bowl Championship Series National Championship;
- (2) recognizes the achievements of the players, coaches, students, and support staff who were instrumental in the victory; and
- (3) directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to transmit a copy of this resolution to University of Alabama President Dr. Robert E. Witt and head coach Nick Saban for appropriate display.