

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. _____

Congratulating the University of South Carolina women's basketball team for winning the 2017 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Basketball Tournament Championship.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. SCOTT (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the University of South Carolina women's basketball team for winning the 2017 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Basketball Tournament Championship.

Whereas, on April 2, 2017, at American Airlines Center in Dallas, Texas, the University of South Carolina Gamecocks won the national title game for the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Basketball Tournament over the Mississippi State Bulldogs by a score of 67 to 55;

Whereas the University of South Carolina Gamecocks women's basketball team won the 2017 Southeastern Conference championship;

Whereas the University of South Carolina Gamecocks women's basketball team head coach Dawn Staley, a 3-time Olympian who was elected to carry the United States flag at the opening ceremony of the 2004 Summer Olympics, was elected to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2013, and is the new head coach of the United States women's national basketball team, joins Carolyn Peck as the only 2 African-American female head coaches to lead a National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I basketball team to a national title;

Whereas this is the first National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Basketball Tournament Championship for the University of South Carolina Gamecocks women's basketball team, who finished the season with 34 wins and 4 losses;

Whereas A'ja Wilson, who is from Columbia, South Carolina, and an alumnae of Heathwood Hall Episcopal School, was named Southeastern Conference player of the year and the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Basketball Tournament Championship most valuable player;

Whereas the University of South Carolina has been a leader on the Southeastern Conference Academic Honor Roll for last 10 years;

Whereas, each year, University of South Carolina student-athletes support approximately 100 events and organizations for a total of more than 5,000 hours of service;

Whereas A'ja Wilson received First Team All-America recognition from the Women's Basketball Coaches Association, and senior center Alaina Coates earned an All-America honorable mention;

Whereas junior Kaela Davis was a College Sports Information Directors of America Academic All-District selection;

Whereas University of South Carolina student-athletes earned a departmental grade point average of 3.245 for the Fall 2016 semester, the 20th-consecutive semester in which Gamecock student-athletes have combined for a grade point average above 3.0; and

Whereas the University of South Carolina is ranked number 1 in the United States for attendance at women's basketball games: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) congratulates the University of South Caro-
3 lina women's basketball team for winning the 2017
4 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I
5 Women's Basketball Tournament Championship;
6 and

7 (2) recognizes the achievements of—

8 (A) the team's players, coaches, and staff,
9 whose hard work and dedication helped the
10 University of South Carolina women's basket-
11 ball team win that Championship; and

12 (B) the dedicated faculty and staff of the
13 University of South Carolina for building an
14 educational environment that has helped Uni-
15 versity of South Carolina student-athletes to
16 thrive.