

104TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. RES. 266

To congratulate the Chicago Bulls on winning the 1996 National Basketball Association Championship and proving themselves to be one of the best teams in NBA history.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 18, 1996

Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN (for herself and Mr. SIMON) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

To congratulate the Chicago Bulls on winning the 1996 National Basketball Association Championship and proving themselves to be one of the best teams in NBA history.

Whereas the Chicago Bulls at 72–10, posted the best regular season record in the history of the National Basketball Association;

Whereas the Bulls roared through the playoffs, sweeping the Miami Heat and defeating the New York Knicks in five games, before sweeping the Orlando Magic to return to the NBA Finals for the first time in two years;

Whereas the Bulls displayed a potent offense, and what some consider to be their best defense ever, throughout the

playoffs before beating the Seattle SuperSonics to win their fourth franchise NBA championship;

Whereas head coach Phil Jackson, who won his first Coach of the Year award, and the entire coaching staff skillfully led the Bulls through a record 72-win season and a 15–3 playoff run;

Whereas Michael Jordan, Scottie Pippen, and Dennis Rodman all were named to the NBA's "All-Defensive Team", the first time in 13 years that three players from the same team have been so named;

Whereas Michael Jordan, in his first full season after coming out of retirement, won his record eighth scoring title, his fourth Most Valuable Player award, and was again named playoff most valuable player (for the fourth time);

Whereas Scottie Pippen again exhibited his outstanding offensive and defensive versatility, proving himself to be one of the best all-around players in the NBA;

Whereas the quickness, tireless defensive effort, and athleticism of the colorful Dennis Rodman, who won his fifth straight rebounding title, keyed a Bulls front line that lead the league in rebounding;

Whereas veteran guard Ron Harper, in shutting down many of the league's top point guards throughout the playoffs, demonstrated the defensive skills that have made him a cornerstone of the league's best defense;

Whereas center Luc Longley frustrated many of the all-star caliber centers that he faced in this year's playoffs while at times providing a much needed scoring lift;

Whereas Toni Kukoc, winner of the league's "Sixth Man" award, displayed his awesome variety of offensive skills in

both assisting on, and hitting, several big shots when the Bulls needed them most;

Whereas the laser-like three-point shooting of career three-point field goal percentage leader Steve Kerr sparked many a Bulls rally;

Whereas the outstanding shooting of Jud Buechler and Bill Wennington, and the tenacious defense of Randy Brown, each of whom came off the bench to provide valuable contributions, were an important part of each Bulls victory;

Whereas John Salley and James Edwards provided valuable contributions throughout the season and the playoffs, both on and off the court, at times giving the Bulls the emotional lift they needed; and

Whereas the regular season contributions of second year forward Dickey Simpkins and rookie forward Jason Caffey, and the constant emotional lift provided by the injured Jack Haley, both on the court and in practice, again demonstrated the total devotion of Bulls personnel to the team concept that has made the Bulls into one of the most devastating basketball forces of modern times: Now, therefore, be it

- 1       *Resolved*, That the Senate congratulates the Chicago
- 2 Bulls on winning the 1996 National Basketball Associa-
- 3 tion championship.

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