

108TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. RES. 234

Honoring the Detroit Shock on winning the Women's National Basketball Association Championship.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 25, 2003

Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. LEVIN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Honoring the Detroit Shock on winning the Women's National Basketball Association Championship.

Whereas on September 16, 2003, the Detroit Shock won the Women's National Basketball Association Championship by defeating the 2-time defending champion Los Angeles Sparks, 83 to 78;

Whereas the Shock won a league-best 25 games, a year after losing a league-worst 23, becoming the first team in any major sport since 1890 to finish first in the entire league after finishing last the previous season;

Whereas the enthusiasm and support for the Shock by the people of Detroit and of Michigan was clearly demonstrated by the fact that the final game was attended by a Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) record crowd of over 22,000 people;

Whereas the Shock completed an incredible season with the strong performances of Finals Most Valuable Player Ruth Riley's career-high 27 points, Swin Cash's 13 points, 12 rebounds and 9 assists, and Deanna Nolan's 17 points;

Whereas Cheryl Ford, the 2003 WNBA Rookie of the Year, became the first rookie in league history to average more than 10 points and 10 rebounds per game;

Whereas Detroit Shock Head Coach Bill Laimbeer was named 2003 WNBA Coach of the Year after transforming the Shock into the best team in the league in his first year as head coach;

Whereas in honor of the Shock's championship, the Palace of Auburn Hills is officially changing its address to Three Championship Drive; and

Whereas the Shock have demonstrated great strength, skill, and perseverance during the 2003 season and have made the entire State of Michigan proud: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) congratulates the Detroit Shock on winning  
3       the 2003 Women's National Basketball Association  
4       Championship and recognizes all the players, coach-  
5       es, support staff, and fans who were instrumental in  
6       this achievement; and

7               (2) directs the Secretary of the Senate to trans-  
8       mit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Detroit  
9       Shock for appropriate display.

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