

(1) treated with dignity, fairness, and respect;

(2) offered support and services, regardless of whether the victims and survivors report crimes committed against them; and

(3) recognized as key participants within the criminal, juvenile, Federal, and tribal justice systems in the United States when the victims and survivors report crimes;

Whereas crime victims and survivors in the United States and the families of the victims and survivors need and deserve support and assistance to help cope with the often devastating consequences of crime;

Whereas, each year from 1984 through 2016, communities across the United States joined Congress and the Department of Justice in commemorating National Crime Victims' Rights Week to celebrate a shared vision of a comprehensive and collaborative response that identifies and addresses the many needs of crime victims and survivors and the families of the victims and survivors;

Whereas Congress and the President agree on the need for a renewed commitment to serve all victims and survivors of crime in the 21st century;

Whereas, in 2017, National Crime Victims' Rights Week will be celebrated from April 2 through April 8 and the theme, "Strength. Resilience. Justice.", will reflect the empowerment and strength of individual victims, the ability of victim assistance organizations to achieve solutions for providing effective services, and a community-based effort to deliver justice and healing to all victims;

Whereas engaging communities in victim assistance is essential in promoting public safety;

Whereas the United States must empower crime victims and survivors by—

(1) protecting the legal rights of the victims and survivors; and

(2) providing the victims and survivors with services to help them in the aftermath of crime; and

Whereas the people of the United States recognize and appreciate the continued importance of—

(1) promoting the rights of, and services for, crime victims and survivors; and

(2) honoring crime victims and survivors and individuals who provide services for the victims and survivors; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the mission and goals of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, which include increasing individual and public awareness of—

(A) the impact of crime on victims and survivors and the families of the victims and survivors; and

(B) the challenges to achieving justice for victims and survivors of crime and the families of the victims and survivors and the many solutions available to meet those challenges; and

(2) recognizes that crime victims and survivors and the families of the victims and survivors should be treated with dignity, fairness, and respect.

SENATE RESOLUTION 132—CONGRATULATING THE ASHLAND UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2017 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. BROWN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

S. RES. 132

Whereas the Ashland University Eagles won the 2017 National Collegiate Athletic Association (referred to in this preamble as the "NCAA") division II women's basketball championship game against the Virginia Union University Panthers at Alumni Hall on the campus of Ohio Dominican University by a score of 93 to 77;

Whereas, with a record of 37-0, the Ashland University Eagles achieved the best record ever by a NCAA division II women's team;

Whereas the 2017 NCAA championship was the second division II national championship for Ashland University during the last 5 years;

Whereas head coach Robyn Fralick was named the 2017 United States Marine Corps Women's Basketball Coaches Association NCAA Division II Coach of the Year;

Whereas assistant coach Kari Pickens was named the 2017 Women's Basketball Coaches Association NCAA Division II Assistant Coach of the Year;

Whereas junior forwards Laina Snyder and Andi Daugherty were named Division II Conference Commissioner's Association All-Americans; and

Whereas Laina Snyder was named the Most Outstanding Player of the NCAA division II women's basketball tournament: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the Ashland University women's basketball team on winning the 2017 National Collegiate Athletic Association division II championship; and

(2) recognizes the contributions and achievements of each player, coach, and staff member of the Ashland University women's basketball team who contributed to the 2016-2017 undefeated season.

SENATE RESOLUTION 133—CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA TAR HEELS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2016-2017 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEN'S BASKETBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. TILLIS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

S. RES. 133

Whereas, on April 3, 2017, the University of North Carolina defeated Gonzaga University by a score of 71 to 65 to win the 2016-2017 National Collegiate Athletic Association (referred to in this preamble as the "NCAA") men's basketball national championship;

Whereas the University of North Carolina Tar Heels returned to the NCAA national championship just 1 year after a heart-breaking, last-second loss to Villanova University;

Whereas the University of North Carolina Tar Heels were ranked sixth in the 2016-2017 preseason Associated Press and USA Today Coaches polls;

Whereas the University of North Carolina Tar Heels finished the 2016-2017 season with—

(1) a record of 33 wins and 7 losses; and

(2) an Atlantic Coast Conference (referred to in this preamble as the "ACC") record of 14 wins and 4 losses;

Whereas, for the 2016-2017 regular season, the University of North Carolina Tar Heels were the ACC champions for the 31st time, an ACC record;

Whereas Justin Jackson was—

(1) named 2016-2017 ACC Player of the Year; and

(2) selected to the 2016-2017 ACC, Associated Press, National Association of Basketball Coaches, and the Sporting News All-America First Team;

Whereas Joel Berry II was selected to the 2016-2017 ACC second team;

Whereas Kennedy Meeks was selected to the 2016-2017 All-ACC honorable mention team;

Whereas the University of North Carolina Tar Heels were ranked third in the final NCAA rankings;

Whereas the University of North Carolina Tar Heels—

(1) beat Texas Southern University, the University of Arkansas, Butler University, and the University of Kentucky to win the South Region of the 2016-2017 NCAA men's basketball national championship; and

(2) reached the Final Four for the 20th time, an NCAA record;

Whereas Luke Maye, a former walk-on player, was named the South Regional Most Outstanding Player;

Whereas the University of North Carolina defeated the University of Oregon to return to back-to-back national championships for the second time in the history of the University of North Carolina;

Whereas seniors Nate Britt and Isaiah Hicks played in their 151st game for the University of North Carolina;

Whereas 76,168 fans attended the national championship game at the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Arizona;

Whereas there were 11 ties and 12 lead changes throughout the national championship game;

Whereas the University of North Carolina trailed Gonzaga University by 3 points at halftime;

Whereas the University of North Carolina trailed Gonzaga University by 2 points with 1 minute and 53 seconds left to play in the game;

Whereas the University of North Carolina held Gonzaga University scoreless over the final 1 minute and 53 seconds of the game, finishing on an 8 to 0 run;

Whereas Joel Berry II—

(1) fighting through dual ankle injuries—

(A) scored 22 points;

(B) gathered 3 rebounds; and

(C) tallied 6 assists; and

(2) was named the 2016-2017 NCAA men's basketball championship Most Outstanding Player;

Whereas Roy Williams—

(1) coached in his 100th NCAA tournament game;

(2) became the sixth coach in NCAA history to win 3 national championships, surpassing Hall of Fame former University of North Carolina head coach Dean Smith; and

(3) tied for fourth for the most national championship wins in NCAA history; and

Whereas the 2016-2017 national championship was the sixth NCAA national championship in the history of the University of North Carolina, moving the University of North Carolina out of a tie with Duke University for sole possession of third most national championships in NCAA history: Now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the University of North Carolina for winning the 2016-2017 National Collegiate Athletic Association men's basketball national championship;

(2) recognizes the achievement of the players, coaches, students, and staff of the University of North Carolina whose perseverance and dedication to excellence helped propel the men's basketball team to win the championship; and

(3) respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to—

(A) the chancellor of the University of North Carolina, Carol L. Folt;

(B) the athletic director of the University of North Carolina, Lawrence R. "Bubba" Cunningham; and

(C) the head coach of the University of North Carolina men's basketball team, Roy Williams.

SENATE RESOLUTION 134—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

Mr. SCOTT (for himself and Mr. GRAMHAM) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

S. RES. 134

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

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the University of South Carolina women's basketball team for winning the 2017 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Basketball Tournament Championship; and

(2) recognizes the achievements of—

(A) the team's players, coaches, and staff, whose hard work and dedication helped the University of South Carolina women's basketball team win that Championship; and

(B) the dedicated faculty and staff of the University of South Carolina for building an educational environment that has helped University of South Carolina student-athletes to thrive.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

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MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 861 AND H.R. 1301

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I understand that there are two bills at the desk due for a second reading en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bills by title for the second time en bloc.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 861) to provide for the compensation of Federal employees affected by lapses in appropriations.

A bill (H.R. 1301) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes.

Mr. BARRASSO. In order to place the bills on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to further proceedings en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection having been heard, the bills will be placed on the calendar.

APPOINTMENTS AUTHORITY

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the upcoming adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate, and that they be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2017, THROUGH MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2017

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn to then convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being conducted, on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Monday, April 10, at 1:30 p.m.; Thursday, April 13, at 8:30 a.m.; Monday, April 17, at 4:30 p.m.; and Thursday, April 20, at 7:20 p.m. I further ask that when the