

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 364

Congratulating the Washington Mystics on winning the 2019 Women's
National Basketball Association championship.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 17, 2019

Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. WARNER, and
Ms. CANTWELL) submitted the following resolution; which was considered
and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the Washington Mystics on winning the 2019
Women's National Basketball Association championship.

Whereas, on October 10, 2019, the Washington Mystics won
the 2019 Women's National Basketball Association (re-
ferred to in this preamble as the "WNBA") champion-
ship;

Whereas that October 10, 2019, win is the first WNBA
championship won by the Washington Mystics in the 22
years that the Washington Mystics have been in the
WNBA;

Whereas the Washington Mystics beat the Connecticut Sun
in the WNBA finals;

Whereas the Washington Mystics—

(1) dominated the competition in the regular season, with 26 wins and 8 losses, the best record of any team in the WNBA; and

(2) earned the top seed in the playoffs;

Whereas the Washington Mystics play home games at the Entertainment and Sports Arena in Southeast Washington, DC;

Whereas the 2019 roster of Washington Mystics players includes—

- (1) Ariel Atkins;
- (2) Natasha Cloud;
- (3) Elena Delle Donne;
- (4) Tianna Hawkins;
- (5) Myisha Hines-Allen;
- (6) Kiara Leslie;
- (7) Emma Meesseman;
- (8) Kim Mestdagh;
- (9) Aerial Powers;
- (10) LaToya Sanders;
- (11) Kristi Toliver; and
- (12) Shatori Walker-Kimbrough;

Whereas Emma Meesseman received the 2019 WNBA Finals Most Valuable Player award;

Whereas Elena Delle Donne received the 2019 WNBA League Most Valuable Player award;

Whereas Natasha Cloud received the 2019 WNBA Dawn Staley Community Leadership award;

Whereas the 2019 Washington Mystics coaching staff includes—

- (1) Head Coach Mike Thibault;
- (2) Assistant Coach Marianne Stanley; and

(3) Assistant Coach Eric Thibault;

Whereas Ted Leonsis, founder, chairman, principal partner, and chief executive officer of Monumental Sports & Entertainment, which owns the Washington Mystics, has built a culture of success and contributed greatly to Washington, DC, and the surrounding region through philanthropy;

Whereas the Washington Mystics have exhibited dedication to positive social impact by strengthening communities through the Mystics Care partnership with organizations in Washington, DC, and the surrounding region; and

Whereas the dedication and hard work of the Washington Mystics have inspired and empowered girls, boys, women, and men of all ages: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) recognizes the Washington Mystics for win-
3 ning the 2019 Women’s National Basketball Asso-
4 ciation championship;

5 (2) applauds the people of Washington, DC,
6 and the surrounding region for their enthusiastic
7 support of the Washington Mystics;

8 (3) supports equity in men’s and women’s pro-
9 fessional sports; and

10 (4) respectfully requests the Secretary of the
11 Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolu-
12 tion to the founder, chairman, principal partner, and

- 1 chief executive officer of Monumental Sports & En-
- 2 tertainment, Ted Leonsis.

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