

Whereas that October 10, 2019, was 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

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the Washington Mystics for winning the 2019 Women's National Basketball Association championship;

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

(3) supports equity in men's and women's professional sports; and

(4) respectfully requests the Secretary of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the founder, chairman, principal partner, and chief executive officer of Monumental Sports & Entertainment, Ted Leonsis.

SENATE RESOLUTION 365—DESIGNATING OCTOBER 16, 2019, AND OCTOBER 16, 2020, AS “WORLD FOOD DAY”

Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. MORAN, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. LEAHY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

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Whereas hunger and malnutrition are daily facts of life for hundreds of millions of people around the world;

Whereas women and children suffer the most serious effects of hunger and malnutrition;

Whereas millions of children die each year from hunger-related illness and disease;

Whereas many people suffer permanent physical or mental impairment because of vitamin or protein deficiencies;

Whereas the United States has a long tradition of demonstrating humanitarian concern for the hungry and malnourished people of the world;

Whereas there is a growing concern in the United States and in other countries about threats to the future food supply, including—

- (1) misuse and overuse of land and water;
- (2) loss of biological diversity; and
- (3) erosion of genetic resources on a global scale;

Whereas the world community increasingly calls upon the United States to resolve food problems stemming from natural- and human-made disasters by providing humanitarian assistance;

Whereas the United States—

(1) plays a major role in the development and implementation of international food and agricultural trade standards and practices; and

(2) recognizes the positive role that the global food trade can play in enhancing human nutrition and alleviating hunger;

Whereas, although progress has been made in reducing the incidence of hunger and malnutrition in the United States, certain groups remain vulnerable to malnutrition and related diseases;

Whereas the conservation of natural resources, the preservation of biological diversity, and strong public and private agricultural research programs are required for the United States—

- (1) to remain food secure; and
- (2) to continue to aid the hungry and malnourished people of the world;

Whereas the United States is a world leader in the development of agricultural innovation and technology aimed at enhancing the improved production, safety, and quality of the world food supply and must continue to retain that role;

Whereas participation by private voluntary organizations and businesses, working with national governments and the international community, is essential in the search for ways to increase food production in developing countries and improve food distribution to hungry and malnourished people;

Whereas the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (referred to in this preamble as the “FAO”) is mandated to lead global efforts to address food and nutrition security issues;

Whereas the member nations of the FAO have unanimously designated October 16 of each year as “World Food Day”;

Whereas the FAO has worked to organize activities and efforts on “World Food Day” in over 130 countries to promote awareness of and action for people suffering from hunger and malnutrition;

Whereas past observances of “World Food Day” have been supported—

(1) by proclamations by Congress, the President, the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the territories and possessions of the United States; and

(2) by programs of the Department of Agriculture and other Federal departments and agencies;

Whereas private voluntary organizations and community leaders are participating in planning “World Food Day” observances in 2019 and 2020, and a growing number of these organizations and leaders are using “World Food Day” as a focal point for year-round programs; and

Whereas the people of the United States can express their concern for the plight of hungry and malnourished people throughout the world by study, advocacy, and action: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates October 16, 2019, and October 16, 2020, as “World Food Day”; and

(2) encourages the people of the United States to observe the days with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 946. Mr. McCONNELL proposed an amendment to Treaty Doc. 116-1, Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of the Republic of North Macedonia.

SA 947. Mr. McCONNELL proposed an amendment to amendment SA 946 proposed by Mr. McCONNELL to the resolution of ratification for Treaty Doc. 116-1, supra.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 946. Mr. McCONNELL proposed an amendment to Treaty Doc. 116-1, Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of the Republic of North Macedonia; as follows:

At the end add the following.

“This Treaty shall be effective 1 day after the date of ratification.”

SA 947. Mr. McCONNELL proposed an amendment to amendment SA 946 proposed by Mr. McCONNELL to the resolution of ratification for Treaty Doc. 116-1, Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of the Republic of North Macedonia; as follows:

Strike “1 day” and insert “2 days”

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I have 7 requests for committees to meet during today's session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, October 17, 2019, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, October 17, 2019, at 9 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, October 17, 2019, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources is authorized to meet