

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 304

Congratulating the University of Oklahoma softball team for winning the 2023 Women’s College World Series, the seventh national title in program history.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 19, 2023

Mr. LANKFORD (for himself and Mr. MULLIN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the University of Oklahoma Sooners softball team (referred to in this preamble as the “Sooners”) swept Florida State University on June 8, 2023, to win the 2023 Women’s College World Series hosted in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma;

Whereas the victory is the third straight national title and the seventh overall national championship for the program;

Whereas the Sooners defeated ninth seed Stanford and third seed Florida State to win a fifth championship in 7 seasons;

Whereas the 2023 national championship is the third consecutive for the Sooners, making Oklahoma one of just 2 schools to have accomplished this feat;

Whereas the Sooners—

(1) finished the regular season with 61 wins and just 1 loss, resulting in a winning percentage of .984, the best winning percentage of any team in NCAA Division I softball history; and

(2) extended the NCAA Division 1 record winning streak to 53 games;

Whereas, over the past 3 years, the Sooners have a record of 176 wins and 8 losses;

Whereas the Sooners became the first team in history to lead the Nation in batting average, earned run average, and fielding percentage in the same season;

Whereas, under the leadership of Coach Patty Gasso, the Sooners have won the Big 12 Conference regular season title 15 times, been to the NCAA Tournament 28 times, been to the NCAA Women's College World Series 16 times, and won 7 championships;

Whereas Jayda Coleman was named Big 12 Player of the Year, which marks the fourth consecutive season a Sooner has won the award;

Whereas 7 Sooners were awarded National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-American Honors, including 5 on the first team; and

Whereas the University of Oklahoma finished number 1 in the NCAA women's softball final ranking: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1 (1) congratulates the University of Oklahoma
2 women’s softball team for winning the 2023 Wom-
3 en’s College World Series;

4 (2) recognizes the exemplary standard set by
5 Coach Patty Gasso, staff, and the student athletes;

6 (3) celebrates alongside the students, faculty,
7 and staff at the University of Oklahoma and all fans
8 of the University of Oklahoma Sooners softball
9 team; and

10 (4) respectfully requests that the Secretary of
11 the Senate send a copy of this resolution to—

12 (A) the president of the University of
13 Oklahoma, Joseph Harroz, Jr.;

14 (B) the athletic director of the University
15 of Oklahoma, Joe Castiglione; and

16 (C) the head coach of the women’s softball
17 team, Patty Gasso.

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