

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 659

Commending the University of South Carolina Gamecocks women’s basketball team for winning the 2024 National Collegiate Athletics Association Women’s Basketball National Championship.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 20 (legislative day, APRIL 19), 2024

Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Commending the University of South Carolina Gamecocks women’s basketball team for winning the 2024 National Collegiate Athletics Association Women’s Basketball National Championship.

Whereas, on Sunday, April 7, 2024, the University of South Carolina women’s basketball team (referred to in this preamble as the “Gamecocks”) won the National Collegiate Athletic Association (referred to in this preamble as the “NCAA”) 2024 Women’s Basketball National Championship (referred to in this preamble as the “championship game”) by defeating the University of Iowa by a score of 87 to 75 in Cleveland, Ohio;

Whereas the Gamecocks led at halftime, 49–46, and never relinquished that lead for the remainder of the game;

Whereas the victory by the Gamecocks in the championship game—

(1) made the Gamecocks 1 of 10 NCAA women’s basketball teams to complete an undefeated season;

(2) marked the second time in 3 years that the Gamecocks won the National Championship; and

(3) earned the highest television ratings for a National Championship Game in the history of college women’s basketball and the highest of any college basketball game, men’s or women’s, for the 2023–2024 season;

Whereas the head coach of the Gamecocks, Dawn Staley, was named the 2024 Werner Ladder Naismith Coach of the Year;

Whereas the Gamecocks displayed outstanding dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the 2023–2024 collegiate women’s basketball season in achieving the highest honor in women’s college basketball and earning a record of 38 wins and 0 losses; and

Whereas the Gamecocks have brought pride and honor to the State of South Carolina: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) commends the University of South Carolina
3 Gamecocks for winning the 2024 National Collegiate
4 Athletic Association Women’s Basketball National
5 Championship;

6 (2) recognizes the on-court and off-court
7 achievements of the players, coaches, and staff of
8 the University of South Carolina’s women’s basket-
9 ball team; and

1 (3) respectfully requests that the Secretary of
2 the Senate transmit an enrolled copy of this resolu-
3 tion to—

4 (A) the President of the University of
5 South Carolina, Michael D. Amiridis;

6 (B) the Head Coach of the University of
7 South Carolina women's basketball team, Dawn
8 Staley; and

9 (C) the Athletics Director of the University
10 of South Carolina, Ray Tanner.

○