

118TH CONGRESS
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Congratulating the Louisiana State University Fighting Tigers women’s basketball team for winning the 2023 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women’s Basketball Tournament Championship.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the Louisiana State University Fighting Tigers women’s basketball team for winning the 2023 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women’s Basketball Tournament Championship.

Whereas, on Sunday, April 2, 2023, the Louisiana State University (referred to in this preamble as “LSU”) Fighting Tigers women’s basketball team won the 2023 National Collegiate Athletic Association (referred to in this preamble as “NCAA”) National Championship, defeating the University of Iowa Hawkeyes by a score of 102 to 85;

Whereas the LSU Fighting Tigers won their first NCAA Division I Women’s Basketball National Championship in LSU history;

Whereas during the NCAA Championship game—

(1) the LSU Fighting Tigers scored 102 points, becoming the first team to score more than 100 points in a NCAA Division I women's college basketball championship game;

(2) Jasmine Carson scored 21 points in the first 20 minutes to open up a 17 point lead;

(3) Alexis Morris, the only starter for the LSU Fighting Tigers returning from the 2021–2022 season, scored 21 points and a game-high 9 assists; and

(4) LaDazhia Williams scored 20 points, along with 5 rebounds and 3 steals;

Whereas head coach Kim Mulkey became the third coach with 4 or more national championships in NCAA Division I women's college basketball history, and the first to win a championship as a head coach of multiple programs;

Whereas the LSU Fighting Tigers finished the season with 34 wins and only 2 losses, including 15 wins and 1 loss in the Southeastern Conference (referred to in this preamble as "SEC");

Whereas 4 LSU Fighting Tigers players earned All-SEC Season Awards, awarded only to the premier players in the SEC, including—

(1) Angel Reese, who earned First Team All-SEC and SEC All-Defensive Team honors;

(2) Alexis Morris, who earned First Team All-SEC honors;

(3) Flau'Jae Johnson, who earned SEC All-Freshman Team honors; and

(4) Sa'Myah Smith, who earned SEC All-Freshman Team honors;

Whereas Angel Reese was named most outstanding player of the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Tournament Final Four;

Whereas Angel Reese set an NCAA record for most double-doubles in a single season, with 34;

Whereas Flau'Jae Johnson was named SEC Freshman of the Year, becoming the fourth in school history to achieve that recognition;

Whereas the LSU Fighting Tigers demonstrated incredible teamwork and tenacity, with 9 freshman or transfer players playing in their first season for the LSU Fighting Tigers;

Whereas the LSU Fighting Tigers showed incredible sportsmanship and teamwork throughout the entire season; and

Whereas the LSU Fighting Tigers have made the entire State of Louisiana proud: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) congratulates the Louisiana State Univer-
3 sity Fighting Tigers for winning the 2023 National
4 Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's
5 Basketball Tournament Championship;

6 (2) recognizes the many achievements of the
7 coaches, players, and staff of the Louisiana State
8 University women's basketball team;

9 (3) recognizes the fans and the entire State of
10 Louisiana for their dedication and support; and

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

4 (A) the head coach of the Louisiana State
5 University women’s basketball team, Kim
6 Mulkey;

7 (B) the associate head coach, Bob Starkey;

8 (C) assistant coach, Daphne Mitchell;

9 (D) assistant coach, Gary Redus II;

10 (E) the president of Louisiana State Uni-
11 versity, William F. Tate IV; and

12 (F) the athletic director of Louisiana State
13 University, Scott Woodward.