

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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Commending and congratulating the Las Vegas Aces basketball team on winning the 2022 Women’s National Basketball Association championship.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Ms. ROSEN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Commending and congratulating the Las Vegas Aces basketball team on winning the 2022 Women’s National Basketball Association championship.

Whereas, on September 18, 2022, the professional women’s basketball team the Las Vegas Aces (referred to in this preamble as the “Aces”) won the Women’s National Basketball Association (referred to in this preamble as the “WNBA”) championship (referred to in this preamble as “the championship”);

Whereas the Aces defeated the Connecticut Sun in Game 4 of the 2022 WNBA Finals, winning the championship 3 games to 1;

Whereas the championship is the first for the Aces franchise and also marks the first major league professional sports

championship in the history of the city of Las Vegas and the State of Nevada;

Whereas Aces head coach Becky Hammon led the team to the championship, becoming—

(1) the first former WNBA player to coach a championship team; and

(2) the first coach in WNBA history to win a title in her first season as a head coach since the inaugural season of the WNBA;

Whereas Aces player A’ja Wilson was named—

(1) WNBA Defensive Player of the Year; and

(2) WNBA Most Valuable Player (referred to in this preamble as “MVP”) for the second time, following her selection as MVP in 2020, becoming the seventh player in WNBA history to be so honored more than once;

Whereas Aces player Chelsea Gray was named—

(1) WNBA Finals MVP, finishing Game 4 of the Finals with a game-high 20 points in the 78-71 win to help clinch the championship for the Aces; and

(2) MVP of the Commissioner’s Cup, earlier in the 2022 season;

Whereas Aces players Kierstan Bell, Sydney Colson, Dearica Hamby, Theresa Plaisance, Kelsey Plum, Iliana Rupert, Aisha Sheppard, Kiah Stokes, Riquna Williams, and Jackie Young should be congratulated for their dedication, teamwork, and display of impressive athletic talent;

Whereas behind the Aces players is a team of coaches and support staff, without whom those players could not have been successful;

Whereas Aces owner Mark Davis is a champion for women in sports and has invested significantly in the Aces, advancing the game of basketball;

Whereas the members of the Aces organization are committed to enriching and impacting the Las Vegas community, actively participating in community efforts through partnerships with schools and community-based organizations that promote—

- (1) diversity and inclusion;
- (2) health and wellness; and
- (3) education; and

Whereas the Aces represent their loyal fans, the Las Vegas community, and the entire State of Nevada with a commitment to excellence: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) commends and congratulates the Las Vegas
3 Aces on winning the 2022 Women’s National Bas-
4 ketball Association championship and completing a
5 successful 2022 season;

6 (2) recognizes the achievements of all players,
7 coaches, and staff who contributed to the success of
8 the Las Vegas Aces during the 2022 season; and

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

12 (A) Las Vegas Aces owner Mark Davis;

13 (B) Las Vegas Aces President Nikki
14 Fargas;

1 (C) Las Vegas Aces General Manager Nat-
2 alie Williams; and

3 (D) Las Vegas Aces Head Coach Becky
4 Hammon.