

Senate Concurrent Resolution 201

Sponsored by Senators COURTNEY, GOLDEN, Representative MARSH; Senators BAERTSCHIGER JR, LINTHICUM, Representatives BREESE-IVERSON, POST, SMITH DB, STARK, WALLAN, WILSON (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Commends 2019 national champion Southern Oregon University Raiders softball team for outstanding season.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas the 2019 Southern Oregon University (SOU) Raiders softball team capped an out-
3 standing regular season by winning the Cascade Collegiate Conference championship at University
4 Field in Ashland, Oregon; and

5 Whereas the Raiders then advanced, for the third consecutive season, to the National Associ-
6 ation of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) World Series in Springfield, Missouri; and

7 Whereas the Raiders swept through the winners bracket, defeating Lindsey Wilson College,
8 University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma and Oklahoma City University; and

9 Whereas on May 29, 2019, the Raiders had two opportunities to win a single game against
10 Oklahoma City (which had emerged from the losers bracket) for the championship; and

11 Whereas a loss by SOU in the morning game set up an afternoon winner-take-all finale between
12 the Raiders and Oklahoma City; and

13 Whereas in the first inning, Allie Stines and Tayler Walker singled and Lauren Quirke walked
14 to load the bases, whereupon Paige Leeper smashed a grand slam home run, putting SOU ahead to
15 stay; and

16 Whereas thunderstorms brought the game to a halt after the fourth inning, stopping play for
17 eight hours until late in the evening; and

18 Whereas pitcher Gabby Sandoval preserved momentum for the Raiders following the rain delay,
19 holding Oklahoma City scoreless over the final four innings; and

20 Whereas the Raiders were rewarded for their perseverance when a marathon day of softball
21 finally came to a close with a catch by outfielder Tiana Brown, earning SOU an 8-3 win in the game
22 and the national championship; and

23 Whereas the softball title was the first national championship for any women's athletic team in
24 SOU history; and

25 Whereas the Raiders finished the season with a remarkable 52-8 overall record due to the spirit,
26 skill and unyielding determination of the entire team, each of whom played a key role over the
27 course of the Raiders' title-winning season; and

28 Whereas the 2019 SOU roster included Hannah Shimek, Tayler Walker, Taelor Mayben, Kristen
29 Mauroschadt, Paige Leeper, Jordyn Ragan, Erika Marquez, Katrina Winterburn, Rebecca Velasquez,
30 Avery Morehead-Hutsell, Olivia Mackey, Morgan Jones, Allie Stines, Mackenzie Evangelisti, Monica

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1 Deadmond, Gabby Sandoval, Tiana Brown, Hannah Wessel and Lauren Quirke; and

2 Whereas three Raiders were named NAIA softball All-Americans: Quirke, Sandoval and Stines;
3 and

4 Whereas Sandoval, who set school records for wins, shutouts and strikeouts, was also named the
5 NAIA softball pitcher of the year; and

6 Whereas head coach Jessica Pistole and her staff, consisting of Duane Pardue, Cheyenne
7 Bricker, Mike Mayben and Harlee Donovan, were named the NAIA softball coaching staff of the
8 year; and

9 Whereas Pistole was also individually honored as the NAIA softball coach of the year; and

10 Whereas on June 3 the Raiders were honored with a victory parade in Ashland, allowing a
11 proud community to celebrate the team's achievements with them; and

12 Whereas the SOU softball team was honored at the Oregon Sports Awards as one of the state's
13 three teams of the year; and

14 Whereas the Raiders were also all-stars in the classroom, where they achieved an impressive
15 overall team grade point average of 3.5; and

16 Whereas SOU softball players and coaches exhibited outstanding character and sportsmanship
17 on and off the playing field all season; and

18 Whereas the Raiders earned the respect of their peers, fans around the nation and the State of
19 Oregon through their commitment to their goals and their persistent pursuit of excellence; now,
20 therefore,

21 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

22 That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, commend the exemplary achieve-
23 ments of the 2019 NAIA national softball champions, the Southern Oregon University Raiders.

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