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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY ROEBUCK, DRISCOLL, LONGIETTI, YOUNGBLOOD, KINSEY,  
HENNESSEY, RABB, VITALI, READSHAW, MURT, DIGIROLAMO,  
CALTAGIRONE, SCHLOSSBERG, MUSTIO, MARSICO, O'NEILL, MILLARD,  
W. KELLER, V. BROWN, McCARTER, BIZZARRO, STAATS, PASHINSKI  
AND TOPPER, APRIL 24, 2017

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
APRIL 24, 2017

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A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Head Coach Dawn Staley of the University of South  
2 Carolina on winning the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball  
3 National Championship in Dallas, Texas, on April 2, 2017.

4 WHEREAS, A native of North Philadelphia, Dawn Staley earned  
5 status as the national high school player of the year while  
6 attending Murrell Dobbins High School in the School District of  
7 Philadelphia; and

8 WHEREAS, Coach Staley maintained her passion for the game of  
9 basketball while attending the University of Virginia; and

10 WHEREAS, As a player there, Coach Staley carried three teams  
11 to the NCAA Final Four; and

12 WHEREAS, Coach Staley was recognized as a three-time All-  
13 American during her college years and holds the NCAA career  
14 record of 454 steals; and

15 WHEREAS, Under Coach Staley's leadership, the South Carolina  
16 Gamecocks recently captured the NCAA national championship title

1 with a 67-55 win over Mississippi State University; and

2 WHEREAS, The team, having compiled an overall record of 33-4,  
3 attained the top national ranking for the first time in the  
4 program's history; and

5 WHEREAS, The Gamecocks were semifinalists in the 2015 NCAA  
6 national championship tournament; and

7 WHEREAS, Coach Staley's association with the University of  
8 South Carolina began in May 2008; and

9 WHEREAS, Beginning in 2000, Coach Staley led the Temple  
10 University women's basketball team in six NCAA tournament  
11 appearances; and

12 WHEREAS, Coach Staley attained distinction at Temple  
13 University, her first coaching position, as the fastest to reach  
14 100 victories and the winningest, with a 172-80 record; and

15 WHEREAS, With USA Basketball, Coach Staley was a three-time  
16 Olympic gold medalist; and

17 WHEREAS, With the WNBA, Coach Staley was a member of the WNBA  
18 All-Decade Team and established the Dawn Staley Community  
19 Leadership Award to honor a player who exemplifies leadership  
20 characteristics in her community; and

21 WHEREAS, The Dawn Staley Foundation in Philadelphia, a  
22 nonprofit out-of-school program offering academic, athletic and  
23 community service enrichment opportunities for middle school  
24 girls, assists students in developing leadership skills, civic  
25 pride and self-confidence; and

26 WHEREAS, Inner Sole, an international nonprofit organization  
27 cofounded by Coach Staley, is dedicated to providing new shoes  
28 for homeless children and other children in need; and

29 WHEREAS, Coach Staley's teams consistently reflect strong  
30 interpersonal connections as well as a strong commitment to

1 discipline and the hard work of team building; and

2 WHEREAS, As with her coaching, Coach Staley's nonprofit  
3 initiatives generously reflect her wishes for the success of all  
4 young people; and

5 WHEREAS, In playing and teaching the game of basketball and  
6 in her entrepreneurial and philanthropic endeavors, Coach Staley  
7 has motivated, mentored and inspired others in keeping with  
8 these two mottos:

9 A disciplined person can do anything; and

10 Dare to do what you don't want to get what you do  
11 want;

12 therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate Head  
14 Coach Dawn Staley of the University of South Carolina on winning  
15 the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball National Championship in  
16 Dallas, Texas, on April 2, 2017.