

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1195

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the University of Tennessee Lady Vols swimming and diving team on winning the 2021-2022 Southeastern Conference Championship.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in recognizing a group of outstanding young student athletes who have once again conquered their competition in the Southeastern Conference (SEC) to be crowned champions; and

WHEREAS, the gifted young women who compose the 2021-2022 University of Tennessee (UT) Lady Vols swimming and diving team recently won their second SEC Championship in three seasons to the great delight of their supporters, their university, and their community; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Vols brought home seven gold medals, six silver medals, and four bronze medals during the SEC Championship meet, thus matching the program record of seventeen combined medals for the event; and

WHEREAS, fifty-three Lady Vol swimmers and divers qualified for the finals during the meet, including thirty A final marks; adding to the impressive feat, all twenty-two members on UT's SEC roster qualified for at least one B final or better; and

WHEREAS, for the meet, UT posted twenty-six new top-ten times in program history, including five new school records; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Vols' freshman class posted strong performances during the meet, winning five individual medals, including four gold medals, and accounting for forty-two percent of UT's individual scoring; and

WHEREAS, leading the way for UT was freshman star Ellen Walshe, who won a combined seven medals during the SEC Championship meet, including four gold medals; the

Dublin, Ireland, native was named the SEC Swimmer of the Meet and received the prestigious Commissioner's Trophy as the top overall points scorer; and

WHEREAS, Ellen Walshe became the first swimmer in SEC history to win the 100-yard butterfly, 200-yard individual medley, and 400-yard individual medley during the same meet; she also distinguished herself as one of only three Lady Vols to ever win three individual events in a single SEC Championship and the first freshman to ever achieve the feat; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Vols have attained the very acme of athletic competition by winning the SEC title, and they are most worthy of our approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the coaches and members of the University of Tennessee Lady Vols swimming and diving team on winning the 2021-2022 Southeastern Conference Championship and extend to them our best wishes for much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.