

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 423

Recognizing the University of Iowa women’s basketball team’s historic “Crossover at Kinnick” game and the importance of women’s sports.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 24, 2023

Ms. ERNST (for herself and Mr. GRASSLEY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

DECEMBER 19, 2023

Considered, amended, and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the University of Iowa women’s basketball team’s historic “Crossover at Kinnick” game and the importance of women’s sports.

Whereas, at the Crossover at Kinnick event, the University of Iowa Hawkeyes competed against the DePaul University Blue Devils in a charity basketball game to benefit the University of Iowa Stead Family Children’s Hospital;

Whereas the Crossover at Kinnick event set a National Collegiate Athletic Association (referred to in this resolution as the “NCAA”) women’s basketball attendance record with 55,646 fans filling University of Iowa’s Kinnick Stadium in Iowa City, Iowa;

Whereas the previous attendance record was set at the 2002 national championship game between the University of Connecticut and the University of Oklahoma, attended by 29,619 fans;

Whereas the Crossover at Kinnick event was the first ever NCAA women's basketball game to be played outdoors in a football stadium;

Whereas women athletes at the collegiate level are important role models for young athletes, particularly women and girls, by serving as examples of what can be achieved by pursuing one's dreams through participation in athletics;

Whereas participation in sports helps foster confidence, self-discipline, leadership, and teamwork in young girls;

Whereas the achievements of the Iowa women's basketball program are an inspiration for Iowans and women athletes everywhere; and

Whereas Iowans and University of Iowa alumni across the country are proud of the history made at the Crossover at Kinnick event: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) congratulates the University of Iowa wom-
3 en's basketball players, coaches, and support staff in
4 setting the NCAA women's basketball attendance
5 record at the Crossover at Kinnick event;

6 (2) recognizes and celebrates the impact of this
7 record-setting event on young women athletes across
8 the country; and

1 (3) respectfully requests that the Secretary of
2 the Senate send 1 copy of this resolution to the fol-
3 lowing individuals:

4 (A) University of Iowa President Barbara
5 Wilson.

6 (B) University of Iowa Interim Athletic
7 Director Beth Goetz.

8 (C) University of Iowa Women's Basket-
9 ball Coach Lisa Bluder.

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