

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 469

Commending and congratulating the Las Vegas Aces basketball team on winning the 2023 Women’s National Basketball Association Championship.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 16 (legislative day, NOVEMBER 15), 2023

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Ms. ROSEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Commending and congratulating the Las Vegas Aces basketball team on winning the 2023 Women’s National Basketball Association Championship.

Whereas, on October 18, 2023, the professional women’s basketball team the Las Vegas Aces (referred to in this resolution as the “Aces”) won the 2023 Women’s National Basketball Association (referred to in this resolution as the “WNBA”) championship;

Whereas the Aces became the first back-to-back WNBA champions in 21 years;

Whereas the Aces defeated the New York Liberty in Game 4 of the 2023 WNBA Finals, winning the championship 3 games to 1;

Whereas the championship is the second for the Aces franchise and also marks the third 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 the first WNBA head coach to win back-to-back championships in 21 years and first head coach to win the title in her first 2 seasons;

Whereas Aces player A'ja Wilson was named—

(1) WNBA Finals Most Valuable Player, finishing Game 4 of the Finals with a game high 24 points in the 70-69 win to help clinch the championship for the Aces; and

(2) WNBA Defensive Player of the Year, her second consecutive Defensive Player of the Year honor;

Whereas Aces player Alysha Clark won the WNBA Sixth Player of the Year Award for being the league's most valuable player for her team coming off the bench as a substitute;

Whereas Aces players Kierstan Bell, Alaina Coates, Sydney Colson, Cayla George, Chelsea Gray, Candace Parker, Kelsey Plum, 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 continues to lead professional team owners as a champion for women in sports, investing significantly in the Aces team, facilities, and staff, and advancing the game of basketball;

Whereas the Aces organization remains committed to enriching and impacting the Las Vegas community, actively participating in community efforts through partnerships with schools and community-based organizations; 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 Aces on
3 winning the 2023 WNBA championship and com-
4 pleting a successful 2023 season;

5 (2) recognizes the achievements of all players,
6 coaches, and staff who contributed to the success of
7 the Aces during the 2023 season; and

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

11 (A) Aces owner Mark Davis;

12 (B) Aces President Nikki Fargas and Gen-
13 eral Manager Natalie Williams; and

14 (C) Aces Head Coach Becky Hammon.

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