

H. Res. 401

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

April 30, 2002.

Whereas the University of Connecticut Huskies women's basketball team won its second National Collegiate Athletic Association championship in 3 years by defeating the University of Oklahoma by the score of 82–70;

Whereas the team, coached by NCAA Division I women's basketball Coach of the Year, Geno Auriemma, finished the 2002 season with a perfect 39–0 record, becoming only the 4th NCAA Division I women's basketball team to finish a season undefeated;

Whereas Sue Bird was chosen as the national women's Player of the Year;

Whereas Swin Cash was named the Final Four Most Outstanding Player;

Whereas Sue Bird, Swin Cash, Diana Taurasi, Asjha Jones, and Tamika Williams were selected as All-Americans;

Whereas the University of Connecticut Huskies' 35-point average margin of victory during the regular season was the largest average margin of victory in NCAA Division I women's basketball history;

Whereas the University of Connecticut Huskies dominated this year's championship tournament, averaging 83.3

points and a 27-point margin of victory en route to the championship;

Whereas the high caliber of the University of Connecticut Huskies in both athletics and academics has significantly advanced the sport of women's basketball and provided inspiration for future generations of young men and women alike; and

Whereas the University of Connecticut Huskies' championship season has rallied Connecticut residents of all ages behind a common purpose and triggered a wave of euphoria across the State: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives commends the University of Connecticut Huskies women's basketball team for winning the 2002 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I women's basketball championship and for completing the 2001–2002 season with a 39–0 record.

Attest:

Clerk.