

H. Res. 594

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

May 4, 2004.

Whereas on March 27, 2004, the Kennesaw State University Owls defeated the University of Southern Indiana Screaming Eagles in Bakersfield, California, to win the 2004 NCAA Division II Men's Basketball National Championship;

Whereas 2004 marks the Kennesaw State University Owls' first NCAA Division II Men's Basketball National Championship;

Whereas the Kennesaw State University Owls won their final 26 consecutive games and achieved a 35–4 season record in the 2003–2004 season;

Whereas the Kennesaw State University Owls were undefeated in the Peach Belt Conference in the 2003–2004 season, and they became the first team from the Peach Belt Conference to win the Division II National Championship;

Whereas the Kennesaw State University Owls were led to victory by Head Coach Tony Ingle, Assistant Coaches Jeff Jones and Stace Tedford, Graduate Assistant Greg Matta, Bench Coach Ron Smith, Student Assistant Tony Ingle, Jr., and Head Athletic Trainer Karen Pfeifer;

Whereas the Kennesaw State University Owls' team of outstanding players, including Will Davis, Darrell Fisher, Terrence Hill, Israel Ingle, Georgy Joseph, Kenan Knight, Rey Luque, Kevin McDonald, Reggie McKoy, Taylor Patternson, Tobias Seldon, Cardale Talley, Justin Thompson, and Tommy Thompson contributed extraordinary performances both throughout the regular season and during the postseason in the Peach Belt Conference Tournament and the NCAA Division II Men's Basketball Tournament;

Whereas the Kennesaw State University Owls' senior guard Terrence Hill, who CBS named the game's Most Valuable Player, was critical to the team's championship, scoring a game-high 26 points and making 8 of 16 field goal attempts, including 4 of 7 attempts at 3-point shots;

Whereas Kennesaw State University, located in Kennesaw, Georgia, is headed by President Betty L. Siegel and has an enrollment of 15,600 students; and

Whereas the Kennesaw State University Owls men's basketball team has brought great pride to Kennesaw State University, the city of Kennesaw, and the State of Georgia: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) congratulates the Kennesaw State University Owls for winning the 2004 NCAA Division II Men's Basketball National Championship;

(2) recognizes the contributions of the Kennesaw State University Owls' players, coaches, staff, faculty, families, and supporters in winning the 2004 NCAA Division II Men's Basketball National Championship;

(3) commends the city of Kennesaw, Georgia, for its enthusiastic support of the Kennesaw State University Owls; and

(4) hopes that the high academic and athletic standards set by the Kennesaw State University Owls will continue to inspire fans and young players around the world by producing student athletes of a high caliber.

Attest:

Clerk.