

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 102

Commending the Virginia Union University Panthers men's basketball team for winning the 2005 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II National Basketball Championship.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 11, 2005

Mr. ALLEN (for himself and Mr. WARNER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Commending the Virginia Union University Panthers men's basketball team for winning the 2005 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II National Basketball Championship.

Whereas the students, alumni, faculty, and supporters of Virginia Union University are to be congratulated for their commitment to and pride in the Virginia Union University Panthers National Champion men's basketball team;

Whereas in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) championship game against the Bryant Bulldogs, the Panthers led throughout the first half, on the strength of senior forward Antwan Walton's 19 points and 11 rebounds;

Whereas the Panthers won the 2005 NCAA Division II National Basketball Championship with an outstanding second-half performance, answering a 17 to 9 run by Bryant to regain the lead in the final moments of the game, winning the Championship game by a score of 63 to 58;

Whereas the Panthers added the NCAA Division II title to the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association title to claim their second championship in 2005;

Whereas every player on the Panthers basketball team—Luqman Jaaber, Lantrice Green, Duan Crockett, Antwan Walton, Steve Miller, Remington Hart, Emerson Kidd, Trevor Bryant, Quincy Smith, B.J. Stevenson, Justin Wingfield, Arthur Kidd, Ralph Brown, Darius Hargrove, Phillip Moore and Chris Moore—contributed to the team’s success in this impressive championship season;

Whereas the Panthers basketball team Head Coach Dave Robbins has become only the third man to win 3 Division II National Championships;

Whereas Coach Robbins is the first coach to win at least 1 Division II National Championship in 3 different decades; and

Whereas Assistant Coaches Willard Coker, Jerome Furtado, and Mike Walker deserve high recommendation for their strong leadership of, and superb coaching support to, the Virginia Union University Panthers men’s basketball team: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) congratulates the Virginia Union University

3 Panthers men’s basketball team for winning the

1 2005 National Collegiate Athletic Association Divi-
2 sion II National Championship;

3 (2) recognizes the achievements of all of the
4 team's players, Head Coach Dave Robbins, assistant
5 coaches, and support staff; and

6 (3) directs the Secretary of the Senate to trans-
7 mit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Head
8 Coach of the National Champion Virginia Union
9 University Panthers basketball team.

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