

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 517

Congratulating the Northwestern Wildcats Women's Lacrosse Team on winning the 2012 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Lacrosse Championship.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 29, 2012

Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. KIRK) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the Northwestern Wildcats Women's Lacrosse Team on winning the 2012 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Lacrosse Championship.

Whereas, on May 27, 2012, the Northwestern Wildcats Women's Lacrosse Team (referred to in this preamble as the "Wildcats") won the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Lacrosse Championship;

Whereas the Wildcats defeated Syracuse University by a score of 8–6 in the championship game, giving the Wildcats their 7th victory over the last 8 NCAA Division I Women's Lacrosse Championships;

Whereas reigning National Player of the Year Shannon Smith had 2 goals and 2 assists in the championship game;

Whereas 2012 National Player of the Year Finalist Taylor Thornton scored the game-winning goal;

Whereas Northwestern University established their first women's lacrosse team in 1982, playing in the NCAA tournament 5 times before the team was disbanded in 1992 due to budget cuts;

Whereas, in 2002, Northwestern University revived the women's lacrosse team and hired former University of Maryland player Kelly Amonte Hiller as head coach;

Whereas, in 2005, the Wildcats went undefeated and won their first NCAA title;

Whereas, in 2007, the Wildcats joined the University of Maryland as the only 2 teams to win 3 consecutive NCAA titles;

Whereas, during their 5-year championship run from 2005 to 2009, the Wildcats were undefeated at home and had a record of 106 wins and 3 losses;

Whereas the Wildcats won their 6th and 7th NCAA titles in 2011 and 2012;

Whereas, in her final game for the Wildcats, Shannon Smith was named Most Valuable Player at Championship Weekend for the second straight year;

Whereas, for seniors like Shannon Smith, the victory on May 27, 2012 was their third NCAA championship;

Whereas, as head coach of the Wildcats, Kelly Amonte Hiller has a record of 32 wins and only 2 losses in the NCAA tournament;

Whereas Kelly Amonte Hiller will be inducted into the United States Lacrosse Hall of Fame for her performance as a player at the University of Maryland and is just one

more title away from tying her former coach, Cindy Timchal, for the most NCAA championships;

Whereas, as a college athlete, Kelly Amonte Hiller earned All-American honors in both Women's Lacrosse and Soccer;

Whereas, as a lacrosse player at the University of Maryland, Kelly Amonte Hiller was a 4-time All-American and the school's record holder for career goals (187), assists (132), and points (319, which is 70 more points than the second-place holder);

Whereas, for nearly a decade, Kelly Amonte Hiller played for the United States Women's National Team, leading the United States to the International Federation of Women's Lacrosse Associations World Cup titles in 1997 and 2001;

Whereas Kelly Amonte Hiller was named to the Atlantic Coast Conference 50th Anniversary Women's Lacrosse Team in 2002 and to the NCAA Division I 25th Anniversary Women's Lacrosse Team in 2006; and

Whereas the State of Illinois celebrates the Wildcats' seventh championship and commends the fans, players, and coaches of all the teams that competed in the 2012 NCAA Women's Lacrosse Division I Championship: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) congratulates the Northwestern Wildcats
3 Women's Lacrosse Team (referred to in this resolu-
4 tion as the "Wildcats") on winning the 2012 Na-
5 tional Collegiate Athletic Association Division I
6 Women's Lacrosse Championship; and

1 (2) commends the Wildcats players and their
2 fans, as well as head coach Kelly Amonte Hiller, on
3 winning their seventh title in the last 8 years.

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