

**SENATE RESOLUTION 493—CONGRATULATING THE FIGHTING IRISH OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2018 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mr. YOUNG) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 493

Whereas, on Sunday, April 1, 2018, the University of Notre Dame Women's Basketball Team (referred to in this preamble as the "Fighting Irish") won the 2018 National Collegiate Athletic Association (referred to in this preamble as the "NCAA") Division I title with a 61–58 win over the Mississippi State Bulldogs, becoming 1 of only 7 women's basketball programs to win multiple NCAA championship titles;

Whereas the Fighting Irish displayed their grit and determination to overcome a 15-point disadvantage to the Bulldogs in the championship game, setting a record for the largest comeback in a NCAA title game;

Whereas the victory marked the second national title, the first of those titles coming on Sunday, April 1, 2001, for the Fighting Irish under the leadership of Head Coach Muffet McGraw;

Whereas Head Coach McGraw has excelled during her 31 seasons with the Fighting Irish, having—

(1) led the Fighting Irish to their 800th win under her leadership to secure their second national championship title;

(2) been inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2017; and

(3) been named 2018 AP, USA Today, and ESPNW Coach of the Year;

Whereas Head Coach McGraw has been supported by assistant coaches and staff including—

- (1) Carol Owens;
- (2) Niele Ivey;
- (3) Beth Cunningham;
- (4) Katie Capps;
- (5) Erica Williamson; and
- (6) Sharla Lewis;

Whereas the full roster of the 2017–2018 national championship Fighting Irish team includes—

- (1) Kristina Nelson;
- (2) Lili Thompson;
- (3) Mychal Johnson;
- (4) Kathryn Westbeld;
- (5) Brianna Turner;
- (6) Marina Mabrey;
- (7) Maureen Butler;
- (8) Arike Ogunbowale;
- (9) Jessica Shepard;
- (10) Kaitlin Cole;
- (11) Jackie Young;
- (12) Mikayla Vaughn;
- (13) Nicole Benz; and
- (14) Danielle Patterson;

Whereas Arike Ogunbowale, junior guard for the Fighting Irish, was awarded Most Outstanding Player of the Final Four and scored 145 total points throughout the course of the 2018 NCAA tournament, which included the game-winning shots in both the semifinal and final rounds of play;

Whereas Jackie Young, sophomore guard and a native of Princeton, Indiana, led the Fighting Irish to a victory over the then-undefeated University of Connecticut Huskies with a dominant, breakout performance, racking up 32 points and pulling down 11 rebounds;

Whereas the tradition of the Fighting Irish of excelling in both athletics and academics

continues to advance the sport of women's basketball and provide inspiration for future generations of young female athletes; and

Whereas the spirit and achievement of the Fighting Irish in the face of adversity and the dramatic conclusion of their championship run inspired the respect and admiration of the basketball-loving State of Indiana: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the University of Notre Dame women's basketball team for its victory in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (referred to in this resolving clause as the "NCAA") tournament claiming the 2018 NCAA Division I title;

(2) recognizes the dedication, perseverance, and hard work of the players, coaches, students, alumni, administration, and support staff that directly contributed to the victory of the University of Notre Dame in the NCAA women's basketball championship; and

(3) respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to—

(A) Reverend John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., President of the University of Notre Dame;

(B) Muffet McGraw, Head Coach of the University of Notre Dame women's basketball team; and

(C) Jack Swarbrick, Vice-President and Athletic Director of the University of Notre Dame.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 494—CONGRATULATING THE HOOSIERS OF INDIANA UNIVERSITY FOR WINNING THE 2018 WOMEN'S NATIONAL INVITATION TOURNAMENT**

Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mr. YOUNG) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 494

Whereas, on March 31, 2018, the Indiana University women's basketball team (referred to in this preamble as the "Hoosiers") defeated the Virginia Tech Hokies by a score of 65–57 in the final game of the Women's National Invitation Tournament (referred to in this preamble as the "WNIT") in Bloomington, Indiana;

Whereas the Hoosiers won their first national postseason championship, and became only the sixth Big Ten school to earn a WNIT championship;

Whereas the Hoosiers hosted a record 13,007 fans in Simon Skjodt Assembly Hall for the WNIT championship game to mark the largest crowd to watch a Big Ten women's basketball game this season, the largest crowd in Indiana University women's basketball history, and the sixth largest crowd in WNIT history;

Whereas the Hoosiers tied a program-record 23 wins for the second straight season, finishing 23–14 overall and 9–7 in the Big Ten Conference;

Whereas the Hoosiers have shined under the leadership of Head Coach Teri Moren and have been supported by assistant coaches and staff including—

- (1) Rhet Wierzbza;
- (2) Janese Banks;
- (3) Glenn Box;
- (4) Liz Honegger;
- (5) Briana Bass;
- (6) Erin McKinney;
- (7) Eddie Praley; and
- (8) Ashley Williams;

Whereas the full roster of the 2017–2018 WNIT championship Hoosier team includes—

- (1) Tyra Buss;
- (2) Amanda Cahill;
- (3) Grace Withrow;
- (4) Kym Royster;
- (5) Brenna Wise;
- (6) Bre Wickware;
- (7) Bendu Yeane;
- (8) Keyanna Warthen;
- (9) Linsey Marchese;
- (10) Jaelynn Penn;
- (11) Alexis Johnson; and
- (12) Ali Patberg;

Whereas senior Tyra Buss was named Women's Basketball Coaches Association All-American Honorable Mention and First Team All-Big Ten, setting 8 school records, including the scoring record for Indiana University with 2,364 points;

Whereas senior Amanda Cahill was named College Sports Information Directors of America Academic All-American and Second Team All-Big Ten, scoring over 1,800 points and racking up 1,100 rebounds during her college career;

Whereas freshman Jaelynn Penn became the first Indiana University freshman to be named to the Big Ten All-Freshman Team; and

Whereas the consistent excellence, both academically and athletically, of the Hoosiers has advanced the sport of women's basketball and inspired countless generations of young women athletes: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates and honors the Indiana University women's basketball team and its loyal fans on the performance of the team in the 2018 Women's National Invitation Tournament;

(2) recognizes and commends the dedication, determination, and commitment to excellence of the players, parents, families, coaches, and managers of the Indiana University women's basketball team; and

(3) respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to—

(A) Dr. Michael A. McRobbie, President of Indiana University;

(B) Teri Moren, Head Coach of the Indiana University women's basketball team; and

(C) Fred Glass, Vice President and Director of Intercollegiate Athletics of Indiana University.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 495—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT, DURING PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK, PUBLIC SERVANTS SHOULD BE COMMENDED FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND CONTINUED SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES**

Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. CARPER, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. COONS, Mr. PETERS, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. LEAHY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 495

Whereas the week of May 6 through 12, 2018, has been designated as "Public Service Recognition Week" to honor employees of the Federal Government and State and local governments and members of the uniformed services;

Whereas Public Service Recognition Week provides an opportunity to recognize and

promote the important contributions of public servants and to honor the diverse men and women who meet the needs of the United States through work at all levels of government and as members of the uniformed services;

Whereas millions of individuals work in government service, and as members of the uniformed services, in every State, county, and city across the United States and in hundreds of cities abroad;

Whereas public service is a noble calling involving a variety of challenging and rewarding professions;

Whereas the ability of the Federal Government and State and local governments to be responsive, innovative, and effective depends on the outstanding performance of dedicated public servants;

Whereas the United States is a great and prosperous country, and public service employees contribute significantly to that greatness and prosperity;

Whereas the United States benefits daily from the knowledge and skills of the highly trained individuals who work in public service;

Whereas public servants—

(1) defend the freedom of the people of the United States and advance the interests of the United States around the world;

(2) provide vital strategic support functions to the Armed Forces and serve in the National Guard and Reserves;

(3) fight crime and fires;

(4) ensure equal access to secure, efficient, and affordable mail service;

(5) deliver benefits under the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 301 et seq.), including benefits under the Medicare program under title XVIII of that Act (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.);

(6) fight disease and promote better health;

(7) protect the environment and parks in the United States;

(8) enforce laws guaranteeing equal employment opportunity and healthy working conditions;

(9) defend and secure critical infrastructure;

(10) help the people of the United States recover from natural disasters and terrorist attacks;

(11) teach and work in schools and libraries;

(12) develop new technologies and explore the Earth, the Moon, and space to help improve knowledge on how the world changes;

(13) improve and secure transportation systems;

(14) promote economic growth; and

(15) assist veterans of the Armed Forces;

Whereas members of the uniformed services and civilian employees at all levels of government—

(1) make significant contributions to the general welfare of the United States; and

(2) are on the front lines in the fight to defeat terrorism and maintain homeland security;

Whereas public servants work in a professional manner to build relationships with other countries and cultures in order to better represent the interests and promote the ideals of the United States;

Whereas public servants alert Congress and the public to government waste, fraud, and abuse, and of dangers to public health;

Whereas the individuals serving in the uniformed services, as well as the skilled trade and craft employees of the Federal Government who provide support to their efforts—

(1) are committed to doing their jobs regardless of the circumstances; and

(2) contribute greatly to the security of the United States and the world;

Whereas public servants have bravely fought in armed conflicts in the defense of the United States and its ideals, and deserve

the care and benefits they have earned through their honorable service;

Whereas public servants—

(1) have much to offer, as demonstrated by their expertise and innovative ideas; and

(2) serve as examples by passing on institutional knowledge to train the next generation of public servants; and

Whereas the week of May 6 through 12, 2018, marks the 34th anniversary of Public Service Recognition Week: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) supports the designation of the week of May 6 through 12, 2018, as “Public Service Recognition Week”;

(2) commends public servants for their outstanding contributions to the United States during Public Service Recognition Week and throughout the year;

(3) salutes government employees, and members of the uniformed services, for their unyielding dedication to, and enthusiasm for, public service;

(4) honors government employees and members of the uniformed services who have given their lives in service to their country;

(5) calls upon a new generation to consider a career in public service as an honorable profession;

(6) encourages efforts to promote public service careers at every level of government; and

(7) supports efforts to promote an efficient and effective public service that serves the people of the United States.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 496—RECOGNIZING APRIL 30, 2018, AS “EL DÍA DE LOS NIÑOS—CELEBRATING YOUNG AMERICANS”

Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BENNET, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. HELLER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 496

Whereas, each year in the United States, El Día de los Niños—Celebrating Young Americans is recognized as a day to affirm and recognize the importance of young children in the United States;

Whereas children represent the hopes and dreams of the people of the United States and the well-being of children and adolescents is emphasized as a top priority in the United States;

Whereas the people of the United States should nurture and invest in children and adolescents in order to preserve and enhance economic prosperity, democracy, and the free and open exchange of ideas, which are concepts that are essential to the spirit of the United States;

Whereas, according to data of the Bureau of the Census, the Hispanic population in the United States is the youngest major racial or ethnic group in the United States, as—

(1) 17,900,000 Hispanics in the United States, a group that represents nearly  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the Hispanic population in the United States, are younger than 18 years of age; and

(2) in 2014, approximately 14,600,000 Hispanics in the United States, a group that represents  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the Hispanic population in the United States, were individuals between 18 and 33 years of age (commonly referred to as “millennials”);

Whereas the Hispanic population in the United States is the youngest and largest ethnic minority group in the United States,

continues to grow, and is a significant part of the workforce in the United States and children in that population will be consumers, taxpayers, and voters in the future;

Whereas, as the United States becomes more culturally and ethnically diverse, the people of the United States must strive to bring about cultural understanding and celebrate a tradition that honors all children on El Día de los Niños—Celebrating Young Americans, a day that acknowledges and shares traditions and customs with all people in the United States;

Whereas parents are at the center of teaching children about family values, morality, life preparation, health, survival, and culture;

Whereas the designation of a day to honor children and adolescents in the United States will help affirm the significance of family, education, health, and community among the people of the United States;

Whereas the designation of a day of special recognition for children in the United States will provide an opportunity for those children to reflect on their futures, to articulate their aspirations, to find comfort and security in the support of their family members, communities, and schools, and to grow to contribute to the United States;

Whereas the National Latino Children's Institute, which serves as an advocate and a voice for young Latino children—

(1) will celebrate its 20th anniversary in 2018;

(2) has partnered with States and cities throughout the United States during the 20 years preceding 2018; and

(3) will declare April 30, 2018, as “El Día de los Niños—Celebrating Young Americans”, a day to bring communities and Latinos together across the United States to celebrate and uplift children;

Whereas April 30, 2018, would be an appropriate day to recognize as “El Día de los Niños—Celebrating Young Americans”; and

Whereas the people of the United States should be encouraged to celebrate the gifts of children and to help children take their rightful place in the future of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes April 30, 2018, as “El Día de los Niños—Celebrating Young Americans”; and

(2) calls on the people of the United States to join with children, families, communities, schools, churches, cities, and States across the United States to observe El Día de los Niños—Celebrating Young Americans with appropriate ceremonies, including activities that—

(A) center on children and are free or of minimal cost so as to facilitate full participation by all people;

(B) uplift and help children positively envision a path to their futures by allowing children to voice their hopes and dreams;

(C) offer opportunities for children of diverse backgrounds to learn about the cultures of one another and to share ideas;

(D) include family members, especially extended and elderly family members, so as to—

(i) promote understanding and communication among generations within families; and

(ii) enable young people to learn from, and respect and benefit from the experiences of, their family elders;

(E) enable diverse communities to build relationships of understanding; and

(F) provide children with an education, safe environments in which to learn, live, and develop, and long-term support in order to become confident young adults who are ready and eager to believe in and contribute to the United States.