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Commending and congratulating the Stanford University Cardinal women's basketball team on winning the 2021 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I women's basketball championship.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 15, 2021

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. PADILLA) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Commending and congratulating the Stanford University Cardinal women's basketball team on winning the 2021 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I women's basketball championship.

Whereas, on April 4, 2021, the Stanford University Cardinal women's basketball team won the third National Collegiate Athletic Association (referred to in this preamble as the "NCAA") Division I women's basketball championship (referred to in this preamble as the "national championship") in school history by defeating the University of Arizona Wildcats by a score of 54 to 53, completing the season with an overall record of 31-2;

Whereas head coach Tara VanDerveer has led the Cardinal to 3 national championship titles during her tenure at

Stanford University, as well as 13 NCAA Final Four appearances, 23 Pac-12 regular-season titles, 14 Pac-12 Tournament crowns, and 32 trips to the NCAA Tournament;

Whereas senior guard Kiana Williams—

(1) led the Cardinal in scoring throughout the regular season with 14 points per game; and

(2) was named Most Outstanding Player of the Pac-12 Conference Women's Basketball Tournament, scoring 26 points in the tournament title game;

Whereas sophomore guard Haley Jones, named the Most Outstanding Player of the Final Four, showed tenacity and leadership on the journey to the national championship, including by—

(1) making a last-minute shot to defeat the University of South Carolina Gamecocks in the semi-final game; and

(2) scoring 17 points in the national championship game to defeat the University of Arizona Wildcats;

Whereas all of the following players should be congratulated for their dedication, teamwork, and display of impressive athletic talent: Francesca Belibi, Cameron Brink, Jenna Brown, Agnes Emma-Nnoku, Lacie Hull, Lexie Hull, Alyssa Jerome, Haley Jones, Hannah Jump, Ashten Prechtel, Jana Van Gytenbeek, Kiana Williams, and Anna Wilson;

Whereas behind the players is a team of staff, without whom the players could not have been successful;

Whereas the Cardinal displayed confidence and poise, surviving 2 last-second shots to defeat the University of

South Carolina Gamecocks and the University of Arizona
Wildcats to win the 2021 national championship;

Whereas the members of the 2020-2021 Stanford University
Cardinal women's basketball team have continuously pur-
sued excellence in both athletics and academics;

Whereas the Cardinal resiliently withstood immense chal-
lenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, including
extended changes to housing and playing accommoda-
tions, to post an impressive season of 31 wins and only
2 losses and championship titles in both the Pac-12 wom-
en's basketball tournament and the Pac-12 regular sea-
son;

Whereas the accomplishments of the Cardinal in their 2020-
2021 season highlight the persistence, skill, and sports-
manship of the Cardinal; and

Whereas the Cardinal represent their loyal fans, current stu-
dents, and alumni with heart and a commitment to excel-
lence: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) commends and congratulates the Stanford
3 University Cardinal on winning the 2021 National
4 Collegiate Athletic Association Division I women's
5 basketball championship and completing a successful
6 2020-2021 season;

7 (2) recognizes the achievements of all players,
8 coaches, and staff who contributed to the success of
9 the Cardinal during the 2020-2021 season; and

1 (3) respectfully requests that the Secretary of
2 the Senate transmit an enrolled copy of this resolu-
3 tion to—

4 (A) Stanford University President Marc
5 Tessier-Lavigne;

6 (B) Stanford University Director of Ath-
7 letics Bernard Muir; and

8 (C) Stanford University women's basket-
9 ball team head coach Tara VanDerveer.

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