

117TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. RES. _____

Congratulating the Glenville State University women’s basketball team for winning the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II Women’s Basketball Championship at the Birmingham CrossPlex in Birmingham, Alabama.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. MANCHIN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the Glenville State University women’s basketball team for winning the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II Women’s Basketball Championship at the Birmingham CrossPlex in Birmingham, Alabama.

Whereas, on March 25, 2022, the Glenville State University Lady Pioneers women’s basketball team (referred to in this preamble as the “Glenville State Lady Pioneers”) won the National Collegiate Athletic Association (referred to in this preamble as the “NCAA”) Division II Women’s Basketball Championship at the Birmingham CrossPlex in Birmingham, Alabama, which was the first national championship in the history of Glenville State University

in any sport and the first NCAA basketball title for a West Virginia school;

Whereas the Glenville State Lady Pioneers finished their historic season with a record of 35 wins and 1 loss by securing an 85 to 72 victory over the Western Washington University Vikings in the national championship;

Whereas the Glenville State Lady Pioneers and their team motto “heart over height” have become symbols of pride and success to Glenville State University and the State of West Virginia;

Whereas the Glenville State Lady Pioneers defeated their opponents by an average of 25.6 points per game throughout the NCAA Division II Women’s Basketball Tournament, becoming just the second team to shutout every opponent in tournament history and breaking the record for points scored in a single NCAA Division II tournament by scoring 525 total points, besting the previous record of 504 points set by California University of Pennsylvania in 2004;

Whereas the Glenville State Lady Pioneers overcame a 2-point deficit at halftime to outscore the Western Washington University Vikings by 15 points in the second half, scoring 30 points off of 25 turnovers and taking 23 more shots than the Vikings;

Whereas Re’Shawna Stone scored 25 points in 29 minutes and collected 5 steals to lead the team to victory over the Western Washington University Vikings and was recognized as the Most Valuable Player for the 2021–2022 NCAA Division II Women’s Basketball Tournament;

Whereas Re’Shawna Stone was named to the First Team of the 2021–22 Division II Conference Commissioners Asso-

ciation Women's Basketball All-Americans and as the Player of the Year for the Mountain East Conference and Atlantic Region, averaging 16.5 points and 4.3 rebounds per game while leading the team in both assists and steals;

Whereas Zakiyah Winfield played a pivotal role in the championship game by scoring 23 points, including a buzzer beater in the third quarter of the game, and collecting 7 rebounds, after averaging 19.5 points and 7.3 rebounds in the tournament;

Whereas Kim Stephens, Head Coach of the Glenville State Lady Pioneers, was named the 2022 Women's Basketball Coaches Association NCAA Division II National Coach of the Year and received the Pat Summitt Trophy, which was named after the former University of Tennessee coach and is awarded annually to each of the 6 membership divisions of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association;

Whereas Coach Stephens, a native of Parkersburg, West Virginia, graduate of Parkersburg South High School and Glenville State University, and former player and Assistant Coach for the Glenville State Lady Pioneers, has led the team to the NCAA Division II Tournament in all 6 years as Head Coach, finishing the 2021–2022 season with a career record of 158 wins and 21 losses;

Whereas, in the history of the Glenville State Lady Pioneers, the team has reached the NCAA Division II Tournament 6 consecutive times and the Elite Eight 3 times;

Whereas, on their way to winning the first national championship for the Glenville State Lady Pioneers, the team was one of the most dominant college sports teams in the

United States, boasting the top scoring offense in the United States by averaging 96 points per game and 13.5 points more than any other team in Division II during the 2021–2022 season; and

Whereas the Glenville State Lady Pioneers should be praised for the historic season of both athletic and academic accomplishments: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) congratulates the Glenville State University
3 Lady Pioneers women’s basketball team for winning
4 the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division
5 II Women’s Basketball Championship;

6 (2) recognizes the athletic program at Glenville
7 State University for its achievement in both sports
8 and academics; and

9 (3) respectfully requests that the Secretary of
10 the Senate prepare an official copy of this resolution
11 for presentation to—

12 (A) Glenville State University for appro-
13 priate display;

14 (B) the President of Glenville State Uni-
15 versity; and

16 (C) the Head Coach of the Glenville State
17 University Lady Pioneers women’s basketball
18 team.