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117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES.

Congratulating the Las Vegas Aces for winning the 2022 Women's National Basketball Association Finals.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. TITUS submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the Las Vegas Aces for winning the 2022 Women's National Basketball Association Finals.

Whereas, on Sunday, September 18, 2022, the Las Vegas Aces defeated the Connecticut Sun 78 to 71 in Game 4 of the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) Finals, winning the WNBA Finals 3 games to 1;

Whereas the Las Vegas Aces secured the first major professional sports championship in the history of the city of Las Vegas;

Whereas the Aces showed great resolve, overcoming tremendous adversity over the last few seasons;

Whereas every member of the 2022 Aces contributed to this championship season, including—

- (1) Kierstan Bell;
- (2) Sydney Colson;
- (3) Chelsea Gray;
- (4) Dearica Hamby;
- (5) Theresa Plaisance;
- (6) Kelsey Plum;
- (7) Iliana Rupert;
- (8) Aisha Sheppard;
- (9) Kiah Stokes;
- (10) Riquna Williams;
- (11) A'ja Wilson; and
- (12) Jackie Young;

Whereas in only 4 years since the Aces came to Las Vegas, the organization has assembled a team of world-class staff and championship-caliber players;

Whereas owner Mark Davis has invested significantly into the Las Vegas Aces, including developing state-of-the-art facilities for the organization and increasing pay scales for the coaches and players, ultimately elevating the stature of women's sports as a whole;

Whereas Las Vegas Aces' team president Nikki Fargas and general manager Natalie Williams have steadied the organization through transition, positioned the team for continued success for future seasons, and represent a critical symbol for diversity in sports management as the only African-American general manager and president duo in the WNBA;

Whereas head coach Becky Hammon became the first former WNBA player and first person in WNBA history to win a title in her first season as a head coach;

Whereas the Aces dominated the regular season with a league-best 26–10 record, winning the Commissioner’s Cup trophy along the way;

Whereas Aces players Chelsea Gray, Kelsey Plum, Jackie Young, and A’ja Wilson competed for and won gold medals for the United States at the Tokyo Olympics, joining a distinguished group of players who have won Olympic Gold and the WNBA championship;

Whereas A’ja Wilson won the Most Valuable Player, Defensive Player of the Year, and first-team All-WNBA honors;

Whereas Kelsey Plum won All-WNBA honors, and Jackie Young won Most Improved Player of the Year;

Whereas Chelsea Gray delivered a tremendous Finals performance, averaging 18 points per game in the series and winning WNBA Finals Most Valuable Player;

Whereas Riquna Williams scored a crucial 17 points to lift the Aces to victory in the championship-clinching game; and

Whereas the entire Las Vegas Aces’ organization, buoyed by their loyal fans, worked tirelessly to clinch the franchise’s and Las Vegas’ first championship: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives con-
- 2 gratulates and honors the Las Vegas Aces on their 2022
- 3 Women’s National Basketball Association Finals victory.