



H.Res. 1151 – Congratulating the University of Tennessee women's basketball team for winning the 2008 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Basketball Championship

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 1151 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative John Duncan, Jr. (R-TN) on April 24, 2008. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, but was never considered.

H.Res. 1151 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on July 29, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 1151 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Congratulates the University of Tennessee women's basketball team for being champions on and off the court, and for their victory in the 2008 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Women's Basketball Championship;
- Recognizes the significant achievements of the players, coaches, students, alumni, and support staff whose dedication and hard work helped the University of Tennessee Lady Vols win the NCAA championship; and
- Respectfully requests the Clerk of the House of Representatives to transmit copies of this resolution to the following for appropriate display--
 - Dr. John D. Petersen, President of the University of Tennessee;
 - Dr. Jan Simek, Interim Chancellor of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville;
 - Joan Cronan, Women's Athletics Director; and
 - Pat Summitt, Women's Basketball Head Coach.

BACKGROUND

In April of 2008, the University of Tennessee's Lady Vols won their eighth NCAA Basketball Championship. Their 64-48 victory over Stanford not only made them NCAA Champions but also the first team to become repeat champions since 2004. Throughout their school's history, the Lady Vols have played 123 NCAA Play-Off games since 1982 and boast a 104-19 record.

Helping the Lady Vols to their victories is Head Coach Pat Summitt. Coach Summitt has coached for 34 consecutive seasons, leading her team to 14 SEC Championships, 16 NCAA Final Fours, and 8 NCAA Championships. Along with facilitating her team to success, she has individually claimed seven SEC Coach of the Year awards, seven NCAA Coach of the Year awards, and the esteemed, Naismith Coach of the Century in 2000.

The University of Tennessee was established in 1794, and is located in Knoxville, Tennessee.

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