GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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H HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 226

Sponsors: Representatives Barnes, Hackney (Cosponsors); Justus, Owens, Luebke, and Bowie.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE 1993-94 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL FOR WINNING A NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

Whereas, with seven tenths of a second left on the game clock, a three point basket made by Charlotte Smith of the women's basketball team at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill earned the team and Charlotte Smith a place in sports history; and

Whereas, on April 3, 1994, the UNC women defeated Louisiana Tech by a score of 60-59, becoming the 1994 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Champions and winning the first national basketball title for the women's basketball program; and

Whereas, the team's 1994 appearance at the NCAA Tournament was its third straight appearance and its eighth overall appearance; and

Whereas, the women's basketball team finished its 1993-94 season with an overall record of 33-2, the most wins ever by a women's basketball team at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and

Whereas, during the 1993-94 season, the women's basketball team won the Atlantic Coast Conference Championship and finished with a record of 14-2 in the Atlantic Coast Conference; and

Whereas, other accomplishments of the 1993-94 team included a 14-game winning streak, tying the longest record in the school's history; and

Whereas, this championship brings great honor and distinction to the State and deserves recognition; and

Whereas, the success of the UNC women's basketball team reflects a tradition of athletic excellence in basketball that is valued by many North Carolinians; and

Whereas, the success of women's basketball in North Carolina is a fitting testimonial and memorial to great women's basketball coaches of the past, including the late June Galloway, a teacher and coach, who in her last three seasons at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, led the women's basketball team to a record of 38-14, a state championship, and a fourth place finish in the National Invitational Women's Intercollegiate Tournament in 1971, and including the late Mike Matheson, who coached the girls' basketball team at Bandys High School in Catawba County to two consecutive State AA championships in 1987 and 1988; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

Section 1. The General Assembly expresses the appreciation and admiration of the people of North Carolina to the women's basketball team at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for winning the 1994 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Championship.

Sec. 2. The General Assembly recognizes the achievements of the 1993-94 team members, Tonya Cooper, Sylvia Crawley, Lori Gear, Gwendolyn Gillingham, Tonya Jackson, Marion Jones, Stephanie Lawrence, Carrie McKee, Kim Rouse, Tonya Sampson, Charlotte Smith, Jill Suddreth, and Maja Vukojicic; head coach, Sylvia Hatchell; assistant coaches, Andrew Calder, Ann Hancock, and Emily Johnson; and other staff members.

Sec. 3. The Secretary of State shall send a certified copy of this resolution to John Swofford, Athletic Director of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Ty Buckner, Sports Director of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and the Athletic Director of Bandys High School, and to all individuals recognized in Section 2 of this resolution.

Sec. 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.