

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1975 SESSION

RESOLUTION 61
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 660

A JOINT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE BASKETBALL, BASEBALL AND
WRESTLING TEAMS OF NORTH CAROLINA A & T STATE UNIVERSITY.

Whereas, three varsity athletic teams at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in Greensboro, namely the basketball, baseball, and wrestling, have represented the State in intercollegiate competition during the recently concluded seasons; and

Whereas, these A & T teams have dominated A & T's athletic conference, winning the championship in baseball and wrestling while capturing both the regular season and post season tournament crowns in basketball; and

Whereas, wrestling coach Mel Pinckney has been named "MEAC Coach of the Year" and "District 26 Coach of the Year"; and

Whereas, Melvin Groomes won his ninth championship in 20 years as head baseball coach; and

Whereas, Warren Reynolds, head coach of the A & T basketball team, has been named the MEAC's "Coach of the Year", and also the "Tournament Coach of the Year"; and

Whereas, Artis Stanfield became the first black player ever to win the National Collegiate Athletic Association batting championship on a major college level; and

Whereas, Stanfield also won the stolen base title; and

Whereas, Al Holland became the first black pitcher ever to win the NCAA's strikeout championship on a major college level; and

Whereas, Allen Spruill, a member of the A & T basketball team was named to the All-Conference Team, the All-Tournament Team, and the Greensboro Daily News All-State Team; and

Whereas, the individual members of each of these respective championship teams, throughout their seasons did exhibit the qualities of good sportsmanship, wholesome competition and the highest tradition of athletic skills;

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

Section 1. That the 1975 General Assembly, representing all the people of North Carolina, extends our appreciation and congratulations to the North Carolina A & T State University basketball, baseball, and wrestling teams and their coaches for their outstanding contribution to sports.

Sec. 2. That a copy of this resolution shall be duly certified by the Secretary of State and transmitted to Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy, Chancellor, North Carolina A & T State University, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall become effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 19th day of May, 1975.