

House Resolution 1712

By: Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Corbett of the 174th, Burchett of the 176th, and Sharper of the 177th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Valdosta State University women's basketball team for winning the 2024
2 Gulf South Conference regular season and tournament titles; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Valdosta State University is nationally known for its tradition of athletic and
4 academic excellence; and

5 WHEREAS, Valdosta State University has won eight national championships and numerous
6 Gulf South Conference titles in multiple sports with dozens of Academic All-Conference and
7 Academic All-American athletes; and

8 WHEREAS, the 2023-2024 Valdosta State Lady Blazer basketball team won the Gulf South
9 Conference Championship, the fourth in program history; and

10 WHEREAS, the Lady Blazers posted a program best 23-1 conference record and won 26
11 consecutive games, the longest current winning streak in the nation and second longest on
12 the records of the Gulf South Conference; and

13 WHEREAS, the Lady Blazers hosted the NCAA South Regional Tournament in Valdosta,
14 for the first time in program history; and

15 WHEREAS, the Valdosta State University women's basketball team has established and
16 maintained a proud tradition of excellence with equal emphases on character and academics;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, this outstanding team has completed another championship season of women's
19 basketball competition by posting an outstanding record of 29 wins and only two losses,
20 while setting the school-record with 26 straight victories; and

21 WHEREAS, this season also marked the team's fourth season in a row reaching the NCAA
22 postseason, while hosting the NCAA regional for the first time; and

23 WHEREAS, the women's basketball team took the lead in the final minute in a 54-52 win
24 over West Georgia in the first round of the conference tournament and rallied in the fourth
25 quarter versus Lee University to claim the fourth conference tournament title in program
26 history; and

27 WHEREAS, the phenomenal performance of the team is a clear indication of the outstanding
28 athletic ability, dedication, hard work, and unity of purpose and spirit of each member of the
29 team; its superb offensive and defensive talents; and the astute direction of Head Coach
30 Deandra Schirmer; and

31 WHEREAS, Head Coach Schirmer now claims 113 victories against just 30 losses in her five
32 seasons with the Valdosta State University women's basketball team, and she earned her
33 second Gulf South Conference Coach of the Year honor in 2024; and

34 WHEREAS, as this magnificent team earned its well-deserved reputation for excellence by
35 performing with courage and precision over months of training and competition, it is
36 abundantly proper to call them champions.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
38 the members of this body congratulate the Valdosta State University women's basketball
39 team for winning the 2024 Gulf South Conference Championship and extend best wishes for
40 continued success.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
42 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
43 Valdosta State University women's basketball team.