

Senate Resolution 485

By: Senators Gooch of the 51st, Echols of the 49th, Dolezal of the 27th, Cowsert of the 46th, Beach of the 21st and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the University of North Georgia women's softball team for winning the 2023
2 NCAA Division II Championship; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the University of North Georgia women's softball team has established and
4 maintained a proud tradition of excellence with equal emphases on character and academics;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, this superlative team has completed another triumphant season of women's
7 softball competition by posting an outstanding record of 64 wins and only seven losses,
8 breaking the previous mark of 62 set in 2018; and

9 WHEREAS, this season also marked the team's third season in a row reaching at least the
10 national semifinals and fourth time reaching the NCAA championship since its previous
11 national title in 2015; and

12 WHEREAS, powered by a rally in the first game and a dominant performance in the second
13 contest, the Nighthawks secured the program's second national title with 7-3 and 3-0 victories
14 against Grand Valley State University during the 2023 NCAA Division II Championship;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, the phenomenal performance of the team is a clear indication of the outstanding
17 athletic ability, dedication, hard work, and unity of purpose and spirit of each member of the
18 team; its superb offensive and defensive talents; and the astute direction of Head Coach Mike
19 Davenport; and

20 WHEREAS, Head Coach Davenport now claims 1,042 career victories across his 23 seasons
21 with the University of North Georgia, and his teams have reached the NCAA championship
22 eight out of the 15 seasons they have been eligible after transitioning from NAIA; and

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

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 congratulate the University of North Georgia women's softball team for winning the 2023
28 NCAA Division II Championship and extend best wishes for continued success.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the University of
31 North Georgia women's softball team.