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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION congratulating the University of Notre Dame fencing team on winning the 2017 NCAA Championships.

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1           A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION congratulating the University  
2 of Notre Dame fencing team on winning the 2017 NCAA  
3 Championships.

4           *Whereas, The University of Notre Dame fencing program*  
5 *won its ninth national title on March 26, 2017, capping four*  
6 *days of dominance at the 2017 National Collegiate Fencing*  
7 *Championships at the Indiana Farmers Coliseum in*  
8 *Indianapolis;*

9           *Whereas, The Fighting Irish claimed the championship*  
10 *in the fourth round with a 5-1 win by senior Lee Kiefer over*  
11 *Cornell's Lyubov Kiriakidi on the foil strip;*

12           *Whereas, This is the first national team title for the Irish*  
13 *since 2011, when the Irish tallied 174 points to defeat Penn*  
14 *State (168) and St. John's (155). It is also the first national*  
15 *title as head coach for Gia Kvaratskhelia, who was an*  
16 *assistant coach on Janusz Bednarski's staff during the 2011*  
17 *title run;*

18           *Whereas, Notre Dame's final total of 186 points are the*  
19 *most for the Irish in a title victory and the most for a winning*  
20 *team since Penn State's 191 total in 2010;*

21           *Whereas, This was the third straight season in which the*  
22 *Irish qualified the maximum number of participants to the*



1 *NCAA Championships;*

2 *Whereas, Since the program's inception, the Irish have*  
3 *claimed nine national championships - three for the men's*  
4 *team, one for the women's team, and five for the combined*  
5 *team;*

6 *Whereas, The Notre Dame fencing program has also*  
7 *claimed 15 individual men's national championship titles and*  
8 *17 individual women's national championship titles;*

9 *Whereas, The Irish claimed five of the eight available*  
10 *Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) yearly awards in March*  
11 *2017, capping the pre-championship season on a high note;*

12 *Whereas, After capturing their third straight ACC team*  
13 *title on both the men's and women's sides, four fencers*  
14 *captured Fencer of the Year awards, while head coach Gia*  
15 *Kvaratskhelia was named the ACC women's Coach of the*  
16 *Year for the second time;*

17 *Whereas, Senior Lee Kiefer was named the Women's*  
18 *Fencer of the Year for Foil, junior Francesca Russo was*  
19 *named the Women's Fencer of the Year for Sabre, sophomore*  
20 *Axel Kiefer was named the Men's Fencer of the Year for Foil,*  
21 *and freshman Ariel Simmons was named Men's Fencer of the*  
22 *Year for Epee;*

23 *Whereas, The members of the University of Notre Dame*  
24 *fencing team are student-athletes who balanced countless*  
25 *hours of fencing practices, training and competitions on top*  
26 *of a full academic course load, and the Indiana General*  
27 *Assembly commends these young men and women for their*  
28 *commitment to both academics and athletics; and*

29 *Whereas, It is fitting that the Indiana General Assembly*  
30 *congratulates the University of Notre Dame fencing team on*  
31 *winning the 2017 NCAA Championships: Therefore,*



1                    *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*  
2                    *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

3                    SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly  
4                    congratulates the University of Notre Dame fencing team on  
5                    winning the 2017 NCAA Championships.

6                    SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed  
7                    to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Reverend John Jenkins,  
8                    C.S.C., President of the University of Notre Dame, Jack  
9                    Swarbrick, Athletic Director of the University of Notre Dame,  
10                    Gia Kvaratskhelia, Head Coach of the University of Notre  
11                    Dame fencing team, and each member of the University of  
12                    Notre Dame fencing team.

