

118TH CONGRESS
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Congratulating the Las Vegas Aces for winning the 2023 Women's National Basketball Association Finals.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 19, 2023

Ms. TITUS (for herself, Mr. HORSFORD, and Ms. LEE of Nevada) submitted the following resolution

OCTOBER 25, 2023

Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the Las Vegas Aces for winning the 2023 Women's National Basketball Association Finals.

Whereas, on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, the Las Vegas Aces defeated the New York Liberty 70 to 69 in Game 4 of the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) Finals, winning the WNBA Finals 3 games to 1;

Whereas the Aces not only secured the first major professional sports championship in the history of Las Vegas, but are the first team in Southern Nevada to win two championships;

Whereas the Aces showed great resolve, overcoming tremendous adversity and multiple injuries on their way to their second title in as many years;

Whereas the Aces became the first WNBA team to win consecutive championships in 21 years;

Whereas, on the way to winning the 2023 WNBA Finals, the Aces defeated:

- (1) the Chicago Sky in the first round;
- (2) the Dallas Wings in the Semifinals; and
- (3) the New York Liberty in the WNBA Finals.

Whereas every member of the 2023 Aces contributed to this championship season, including: Kierstan Bell, Alysha Clark, Alaina Coates, Sydney Colson, Cayla George, Chelsea Gray, Candace Parker, Kelsey Plum, Kiah Stokes, Riquna Williams, A'ja Wilson, and Jackie Young;

Whereas owner Mark Davis, President Nikki Fargas, and Head Coach Becky Hammon have created a championship organization comprised of accomplished coaches and world-class athletes;

Whereas Head Coach Becky Hammon became the third coach in either NBA or WNBA history to win two championships in her first two seasons;

Whereas the Aces constructed the first practice facility specifically built for a WNBA team in league history, a state-of-the-art campus in Henderson, Nevada;

Whereas the Aces dominated in the regular season, establishing a new league record for wins, finishing 34–6 overall, and clinching first seed in the playoffs;

Whereas the Aces went 19–1 at home in the regular season and undefeated at home in the postseason, drawing record crowds through the regular season and playoffs;

Whereas the Aces led the league in points per game and field goal percentage in the regular season;

Whereas Aces players A’ja Wilson, Chelsea Gray, Jackie Young, and Kelsey Plum represented the Aces at the 2023 WNBA All-Star Game in Las Vegas;

Whereas A’ja Wilson secured the following honors this season: WNBA All-Star Game team captain, Finals Most Valuable Player, Defensive Player of the Year, All-Defensive First Team, and All-WNBA First Team;

Whereas Jackie Young and Chelsea Gray were honored as members of the All-WNBA Second Team;

Whereas in the championship-clinching game, A’ja Wilson led the way with 24 points and 16 rebounds, Jackie Young added 16 points and seven assists, and the Aces never trailed in the fourth quarter; and

Whereas the Las Vegas Aces firmly established Las Vegas as the Sports Capital of the World: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives con-
- 2 gratulates and honors the Las Vegas Aces on their 2023
- 3 Women’s National Basketball Association Finals victory.

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