

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 751

Congratulating the Trine University Thunder women’s softball team for winning the 2023 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Women’s Softball National Championship.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 8, 2024

Mr. BRAUN (for himself and Mr. YOUNG) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the Trine University Thunder women’s softball team for winning the 2023 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Women’s Softball National Championship.

Whereas, on June 7, 2023, the Trine University Thunder women’s softball team (referred to in this preamble as the “Thunder”) won the 2023 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Women’s Softball National Championship (referred to in this preamble as the “2023 NCAA National Championship”);

Whereas that victory, just 1 year after finishing as runner-up in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (referred to in this preamble as “NCAA”) Division III wom-

en's softball tournament, is the first NCAA national championship victory for the Thunder;

Whereas the Thunder finished the 2023 season with a regular season record of 32 wins and 4 losses, a post season record of 14 wins and 2 losses, which includes 4 wins and 1 loss during the National Championship tournament, and a final record of 46 wins and 6 losses, which is the most wins in a single season in the history of the Thunder program;

Whereas the Thunder was led by head coach Don Danklefsen and a dedicated staff;

Whereas Carolyn Biel hit a walk-off single for the Thunder to win the 2023 NCAA National Championship by a score of 1 to 0;

Whereas, during the 2023 NCAA National Championship game, Alexis Michon threw a complete-game shutout for the Thunder, allowing just 2 hits on 79 pitches;

Whereas, during the awards ceremony following the 2023 NCAA National Championship game, 6 members of the team were named as part of the NCAA Division III Women's All-Tournament Team, including Cassie Woods, Emma Beyer, Emma Lee, Alexis Michon, Debbie Hill, and Amanda Prather;

Whereas freshman Debbie Hill was named "Most Outstanding Player", sweeping the honor at every round of the 2023 NCAA National Championship tournament; and

Whereas the contributions of the players, coaches, and support staff of the Thunder, and the entire Trine University community, were instrumental in achieving the historic victory of the Thunder in the 2023 NCAA National

Championship and providing inspiration for future generations of young athletes: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) congratulates the Trine University Thunder
3 women’s softball team for its victory in the 2023
4 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III
5 Women’s Softball National Championship;

6 (2) recognizes the dedication, perseverance, and
7 hard work of the players and coaches of the Trine
8 University Thunder women’s softball team, and the
9 students, alumni, administration, and support staff
10 of Trine University that directly contributed to the
11 victory in the 2023 National Collegiate Athletic As-
12 sociation Division III Women’s Softball National
13 Championship; and

14 (3) respectfully requests that the Secretary of
15 the Senate transmit an enrolled copy of this resolu-
16 tion to—

17 (A) the president of Trine University, John
18 Shannon;

19 (B) the athletics director of Trine Univer-
20 sity, Matt Land; and

21 (C) the head coach of the Trine University
22 Thunder women’s softball team, Don
23 Danklefsen.

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