



2021 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 115

January 20, 2022 - Introduced by Representatives STUBBS, HONG, BALDEH, SUBECK, ALLEN, ANDERSON, ANDRACA, BILLINGS, BOWEN, CABRAL-GUEVARA, CONLEY, CONSIDINE, DRAKE, DITTRICH, DUCHOW, EMERSON, HAYWOOD, HEBL, HESSELBEIN, KERKMAN, B. MEYERS, MILROY, MURPHY, MURSAU, OHNSTAD, PENTERMAN, POPE, RIEMER, S. RODRIGUEZ, SHANKLAND, SHELTON, SINICKI, SNODGRASS, SPIROS, SPREITZER, THIESFELDT, TRANEL, TUSLER, VINING, VRUWINK, WICHGERS and KUGLITSCH, cosponsored by Senators ROYS, AGARD, BALLWEG, BEWLEY, CARPENTER, COWLES, DARLING, ERPENBACH, JACQUE, JOHNSON, KOOYENGA, LARSON, MARKLEIN, PFAFF, RINGHAND, SMITH and WIRCH. Referred to Committee on Rules.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1 **Relating to:** commending the UW-Madison volleyball team, the coaching staff, the
2 athletic department, and the chancellor on winning the 2021 NCAA Division
3 I Women's Volleyball National Championship title.

4 Whereas, the UW-Madison volleyball team won the 2021 NCAA Division I
5 National Championship title for the first time by defeating the Nebraska
6 Cornhuskers in an epic five-set match; and

7 Whereas, the UW-Madison volleyball team demonstrated exceptional athletic
8 performances and displayed outstanding mental toughness and grit throughout the
9 season; and

10 Whereas, National Player of the Year and five-time First Team All American,
11 Dana Rettke scored the game winning point to give UW-Madison the title; and

12 Whereas, freshman Anna Smrek won Most Outstanding Player of the
13 tournament; and

14 Whereas, Sydney Hilley, Dana Rettke, and Anna Smrek made the
15 All-Tournament team; and

1 Whereas, the UW-Madison volleyball team had a remarkable season with a
2 31-3 record for the season; and

3 Whereas, the team was led by seniors Lauren Barnes, Sydney Hilley, Giorgia
4 Civita, Dana Rettke, and Grace Loberg, who were joined by teammates Danielle
5 Hart, Julia Orzol, Jade Demps, Lauren Jardine, Devyn Robinson, Izzy Ashburn,
6 Julia Wohlert, Anna Smrek, Liz Gregorski, Joslyn Boyer, MJ Hammill, Sydney Reed,
7 and Anna MacDonald; and

8 Whereas, the team was managed by a brilliant coaching staff, led by Head
9 Coach Kelly Sheffield, Assistant Coach of the Year Brittany Dildine, Assistant Coach
10 Gary White, Director of Volleyball Operations Jesica Williams, Technical
11 Coordinator Annemarie Hickey, Volunteer Assistant Coach Mackenzie Long,
12 Athletic Trainer Kristen Walker, Strength and Conditioning Coach Kevin Schultz,
13 Video Producer and Brand Manager Bianca Miceli, and Associate Director of Brand
14 Communications Diane Nordstrom; and

15 Whereas, the UW-Madison community and the whole state take pride in the
16 integrity, leadership, and excellence the team has demonstrated in its
17 accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

18 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
19 Wisconsin State Legislature do hereby commend the UW-Madison volleyball team,
20 the coaching staff, the athletic department, and the chancellor on winning the 2021
21 NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball National Championship title and wish the
22 student-athletes continued success in their bright futures.

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