

SR 3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Hansell

Senate Committee On Rules

Action Date: 06/10/19
Action: Do adopt.
Vote: 3-0-2-0
Yeas: 3 - Baertschiger Jr, Burdick, Dembrow
Exc: 2 - Boquist, Roblan
Fiscal: No fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
Prepared By: Josh Nasbe, Counsel
Meeting Dates: 6/10

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Commends University of Oregon Ducks women's basketball team for outstanding 2018-2019 season.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Historic season
- Final four appearance

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The 2018-2019 University of Oregon (UO) Ducks women's basketball team thrilled Ducks fans and the State of Oregon with their outrageous skill, exciting play, and historic run in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) tournament.

The UO Ducks women's basketball team had an outstanding regular season and won its second consecutive Pacific-12 (Pac-12) Conference regular season earning them a place in the NCAA tournament; where they went on to defeat Portland State, Indiana, and South Dakota State to advance to the Elite Eight. UO had lost in the NCAA Elite Eight in both previous seasons, so the 2018-2019 Ducks were on a mission to complete that "unfinished business" and on March 31, 2019, the Ducks defeated Mississippi State to advance to the NCAA Final Four for the first time in program history. While the Ducks lost their next game to Baylor, they played with great courage and fighting spirit, earning the respect of basketball fans around the nation.

UO players and coaches exhibited outstanding character and sportsmanship on and off the court all season, setting a fine example for young fans. Head coach Kelly Graves was named the Pac-12 coach of the year by his fellow coaches and junior Sabrina Ionescu won multiple awards including both the Wooden Award and the Wade Trophy as national player of the year. Junior Ruthy Hebard was an honorable mention All-American and a finalist for national power forward of the year while sophomore Satou Sabally was also an honorable mention All-American and a finalist for national small forward of the year. UO broke its single-game attendance record with a sellout crowd of 12,364 in a civil war victory against Oregon State at Matthew Knight Arena and led the Pac-12 with an average attendance of 7,148 making them one of just eight teams in the nation to average more than 7,00 fans per game.

Senate Resolution 3 commends the exemplary achievements of the 2018-2019 University of Oregon women's basketball team.