

## Senate Concurrent Resolution 22

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### SUMMARY

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Commends 2018 national champion Oregon State University Beavers baseball team for outstanding season.

### CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2       Whereas the 2018 Oregon State University (OSU) Beavers baseball team capped an outstanding  
3 regular season by winning the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) regional playoffs  
4 at Goss Stadium in Corvallis, Oregon; and

5       Whereas the Beavers then swept Minnesota in the NCAA Corvallis Super Regional; and

6       Whereas the playoff wins earned OSU their seventh trip to the College World Series (CWS) in  
7 Omaha, Nebraska, following trips in 1952, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2013 and 2017; and

8       Whereas the 2017 OSU team had lost in the CWS semifinals, so the Beavers returned to Omaha  
9 in 2018 on a mission, hoping to complete the "unfinished business" of the preceding season; and

10       Whereas a first-round loss to North Carolina put the Beavers' backs to the wall, forcing OSU  
11 to win consecutive elimination games against Washington, North Carolina and Mississippi State  
12 (twice) to survive and advance to the championship series to face Arkansas; and

13       Whereas OSU lost game one of the best-of-three championship series, putting the Beavers once  
14 again on the brink of elimination from the CWS; and

15       Whereas in game two of the championship series, the Beavers' hopes dangled by a thread, with  
16 OSU behind in the ninth inning with two outs and two strikes, down to what could have been the  
17 final pitch of the CWS; and

18       Whereas shortstop Cadyn Grenier delivered a clutch single to keep the Beavers alive, followed  
19 by a heroic home run from outfielder Trevor Larnach that led OSU to a dramatic and improbable  
20 come-from-behind victory; and

21       Whereas the Beavers then rode a brilliant pitching performance from freshman Kevin Abel to  
22 a shutout victory in the third and deciding game of the series on June 28, 2018; and

23       Whereas with the victory, the Beavers won their third NCAA baseball championship, following  
24 back-to-back titles in 2006 and 2007; and

25       Whereas catcher Adley Rutschman, whose hometown is Sherwood, Oregon, was named the CWS  
26 Most Outstanding Player, setting a CWS record with his 17 hits; and

27       Whereas Rutschman was joined on the CWS All-Tournament team by Abel, Larnach, Grenier  
28 and designated hitter Tyler Malone; and

29       Whereas six Beavers were selected in the 2018 Major League Baseball amateur draft: Larnach,  
30 Grenier and second baseman Nick Madrigal in the first round, outfielder Steven Kwan in the fifth

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1 round, pitcher Drew Rasmussen in the sixth round and third baseman Michael Gretler in the 10th  
2 round; and

3 Whereas head coach Pat Casey, whose hometown is Newberg, Oregon, was named national  
4 coach of the year in 2018, the fifth time he has won that honor; and

5 Whereas Casey announced his retirement as head coach following the 2018 season, ending his  
6 legendary 24-year stint leading the OSU baseball program and marking the beginning of a new ad-  
7 ministrative role for him in the OSU Athletic Department; and

8 Whereas an impressive number of the 2018 OSU baseball players and coaches hail from Oregon  
9 hometowns; and

10 Whereas for the second season in a row, 16 OSU student-athletes were selected to the Pac-12  
11 Conference All-Academic baseball teams; and

12 Whereas OSU baseball players and coaches exhibited outstanding character and sportsmanship  
13 on and off the playing field all season; and

14 Whereas the never-say-die 2018 OSU baseball team thrilled Beaver Nation and the State of  
15 Oregon and earned the respect of fans around the country with their courage and fighting spirit,  
16 refusing again and again to be eliminated until they were finally crowned champions; now, therefore,

17 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

18 That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, commend the exemplary achieve-  
19 ments of the NCAA Division I national baseball champions, the Oregon State University Beavers;  
20 and be it further

21 Resolved, That we congratulate Pat Casey on his remarkable career as head coach, recognize  
22 his service to Oregon State University and to the State of Oregon and wish him well in his future  
23 endeavors.

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