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Senate Resolution 3

Sponsored by Senator HANSELL

Whereas the 2018-2019 University of Oregon (UO) Ducks women's basketball team had an outstanding regular season and won its second consecutive Pacific-12 (Pac-12) Conference regular season title; and

Whereas the Ducks earned a place in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) tournament and defeated Portland State, Indiana and South Dakota State to advance to the Elite Eight; and

Whereas UO had lost in the NCAA Elite Eight in both the previous two seasons, so the 2018-2019 Ducks were on a mission to complete that "unfinished business"; and

Whereas on March 31, 2019, the Ducks defeated Mississippi State in a thrilling game to advance to the NCAA Final Four for the first time in program history; and

Whereas the Ducks lost their next game to Baylor, but they played with great courage and fighting spirit, earning the respect of basketball fans around the nation; and

Whereas the Ducks finished their season with a record of 33-5, matching the program record for wins in a season; and

Whereas head coach Kelly Graves was named the Pac-12 coach of the year by his fellow coaches; and

Whereas junior Sabrina Ionescu was a first team All-American, won her second consecutive Lieberman Award as the nation's best point guard and won both the Wooden Award and the Wade Trophy as national player of the year; and

Whereas junior Ruthy Hebard was an honorable mention All-American and a finalist for national power forward of the year; and

Whereas sophomore Satou Sabally was an honorable mention All-American and a finalist for national small forward of the year; and

Whereas Sabally, Hebard, Ionescu and senior guard Maite Cazorla were selected to the All-Pac-12 team, and sophomore forward Erin Boley earned Pac-12 honorable mention; and

Whereas Cazorla was selected in the second round of the Women's National Basketball Association draft; and

Whereas 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

Whereas UO led the Pac-12 with an average attendance of 7,148 and was one of just eight teams in the nation to average more than 7,000 fans per game; and

Whereas four UO student-athletes earned Pac-12 All-Academic honors; and

Whereas UO players and coaches exhibited outstanding character and sportsmanship on and off the court all season, setting a fine example for young fans; and

Whereas the 2018-2019 UO women's basketball team thrilled Duck fans and the State of Oregon with their outrageous skill, exciting play and historic run in the NCAA tournament; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Senate of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, commend the exemplary achievements of the 2018-2019 University of Oregon women's basketball team. Go Ducks!

Adopted by Senate June 17, 2019

Lori L. Brocker, Secretary of Senate

Peter Courtney, President of Senate