Senate Concurrent Resolution 201

Sponsored by Senators COURTNEY, GOLDEN, Representative MARSH; Senators BAERTSCHIGER JR, LINTHICUM, Representatives BRESEE-IVERSON, POST, SMITH DB, STARK, WALLAN, WILSON (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Commends 2019 national champion Southern Oregon University Raiders softball team for outstanding season.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas the 2019 Southern Oregon University (SOU) Raiders softball team capped an outstanding regular season by winning the Cascade Collegiate Conference championship at University Field in Ashland, Oregon; and

Whereas the Raiders then advanced, for the third consecutive season, to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) World Series in Springfield, Missouri; and

Whereas the Raiders swept through the winners bracket, defeating Lindsey Wilson College, University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma and Oklahoma City University; and

Whereas on May 29, 2019, the Raiders had two opportunities to win a single game against Oklahoma City (which had emerged from the losers bracket) for the championship; and

Whereas a loss by SOU in the morning game set up an afternoon winner-take-all finale between the Raiders and Oklahoma City; and

Whereas in the first inning, Allie Stines and Tayler Walker singled and Lauren Quirke walked to load the bases, whereupon Paige Leeper smashed a grand slam home run, putting SOU ahead to stay; and

Whereas thunderstorms brought the game to a halt after the fourth inning, stopping play for eight hours until late in the evening; and

Whereas pitcher Gabby Sandoval preserved momentum for the Raiders following the rain delay, holding Oklahoma City scoreless over the final four innings; and

Whereas the Raiders were rewarded for their perseverance when a marathon day of softball finally came to a close with a catch by outfielder Tiana Brown, earning SOU an 8-3 win in the game and the national championship; and

Whereas the softball title was the first national championship for any women's athletic team in SOU history; and

Whereas the Raiders finished the season with a remarkable 52-8 overall record due to the spirit, skill and unyielding determination of the entire team, each of whom played a key role over the course of the Raiders' title-winning season; and

Whereas the 2019 SOU roster included Hannah Shimek, Tayler Walker, Taelor Mayben, Kristen Mauroschadt, Paige Leeper, Jordyn Ragan, Erika Marquez, Katrina Winterburn, Rebeca Velasquez, Avery Morehead-Hutsell, Olivia Mackey, Morgan Jones, Allie Stines, Mackenzie Evangelisti, Monica

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Deadmond, Gabby Sandoval, Tiana Brown, Hannah Wessel and Lauren Quirke; and
Whereas three Raiders were named NAIA softball All-Americans: Quirke, Sandoval and Stines; and
Whereas Sandoval, who set school records for wins, shutouts and strikeouts, was also named the
NAIA softball pitcher of the year; and
Whereas head coach Jessica Pistole and her staff, consisting of Duane Pardue, Cheyenne
Bricker, Mike Mayben and Harlee Donovan, were named the NAIA softball coaching staff of the
year; and
Whereas Pistole was also individually honored as the NAIA softball coach of the year; and
Whereas on June 3 the Raiders were honored with a victory parade in Ashland, allowing a
proud community to celebrate the team’s achievements with them; and
Whereas the SOU softball team was honored at the Oregon Sports Awards as one of the state’s
three teams of the year; and
Whereas the Raiders were also all-stars in the classroom, where they achieved an impressive
overall team grade point average of 3.5; and
Whereas SOU softball players and coaches exhibited outstanding character and sportsmanship
on and off the playing field all season; and
Whereas the Raiders earned the respect of their peers, fans around the nation and the State of
Oregon through their commitment to their goals and their persistent pursuit of excellence; now,
therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:
That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, commend the exemplary achieve-
ments of the 2019 NAIA national softball champions, the Southern Oregon University Raiders.