

2021 SPECIAL SESSION II

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 720

Offered August 3, 2021

Commending the Virginia Wesleyan University softball team.

Patrons—Kiggans, Cosgrove and DeSteph

WHEREAS, the Virginia Wesleyan University softball team won the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III championship at Moyer Park in Salem on June 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Wesleyan University Marlins defeated the Texas Lutheran University Bulldogs by a score of 9-1 to bring home the program's third title in the last four seasons and finish the season with an impressive 46-6-1 record; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Wesleyan Marlins jumped to a two-run lead in the first inning and never trailed, posting an additional three runs in both the third and fourth innings, and a final run in the fifth inning; and

WHEREAS, the exceptional play of the Virginia Wesleyan Marlins was recognized with several players making the 2021 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III Championship all-tournament team, including Katelyn Biando; Ariana Rolle; Julia Sinnett; Jessica Goldyn, who was also named most outstanding player; and Hanna Hull, who was also named most outstanding pitcher; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Wesleyan Marlins saw three players earn places in the NCAA record books this season, including Hanna Hull, who holds the all-time record for most wins as a pitcher with 132; Jessica Goldyn, who holds the single-season record for stolen bases with 73; and Madison Glaubke, who holds the all-time record for most games played with 221; and

WHEREAS, as a testament to its recent streak of dominance, the Virginia Wesleyan softball program has not had back-to-back losses since the 2019 NCAA regional tournament in Virginia Beach; and

WHEREAS, the success of the Virginia Wesleyan Marlins is the result of the hard work and dedication of the student-athletes, the leadership and guidance of their coaches and professors, and the unwavering support of the entire Virginia Wesleyan University community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That the Virginia Wesleyan University softball team hereby be commended for winning the 2021 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Brandon Elliott, coach of the Virginia Wesleyan University softball team, as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for the team's achievement.

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