

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF VIRGINIA -- 1997 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 697

Commending the Richmond Rage on the successful completion of their first season in the American Basketball League.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 24, 1997
Agreed to by the Senate, January 30, 1997

WHEREAS, Richmond is one of eight founding cities in the new American Basketball League (ABL); and

WHEREAS, the ABL was created to establish the world's premier women's basketball league, to give America's players the opportunity to play professionally in their own country, and to provide positive role models to aspiring women athletes; and

WHEREAS, Richmond Rage players include 5 All-Americans, 2 NCAA Final Four MVPs, 4 Players of the Year, 4 National Champions, and 4 Olympic Gold Medalists, including six-time medalist, Jackie Joyner-Kersey; and

WHEREAS, a number of the members of the Rage team and organization have Virginia and Richmond "connections"; and

WHEREAS, Rage starting guard Dawn Staley attended and played basketball at the University of Virginia where she led the team to the Final Four three times and was honored as Sports Illustrated Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Rage guard Dena Evans is a magna cum laude graduate of the University of Virginia where she helped Dawn Staley lead the Cavaliers to three ACC championships and three Final Four appearances; and

WHEREAS, Rage starting forward Adrienne Goodson attended Old Dominion University where she was a member of the 1985 NCAA Championship team and was the first Lady Monarch to be named first-team All-Sun Belt Conference; and

WHEREAS, Richmond Rage General Manager Tammy Holder has been a part of the Richmond basketball scene since playing for Midlothian High School in the mid-70s; and

WHEREAS, February 18, 1997, is the date of the Rage's last regular-season home game; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend the Richmond Rage on the successful completion of their first season in the American Basketball League; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to General Manager Tammy Holder on behalf of the Richmond Rage team members, Head Coach Lisa Boyer, and the other members of the Richmond Rage organization as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations on the team's success and its best wishes for many more successful seasons in the future.

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