

Senate Resolution 15 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 15

BY BOULTON

1 A Resolution recognizing and congratulating the Drake
2 University women's basketball team and program on
3 its outstanding regional and national athletic
4 achievements.

5 WHEREAS, the Drake University women's basketball
6 team (the Bulldogs) secured its first outright Missouri
7 Valley Conference (MVC) regular season championship
8 since the 1999-2000 season with a 70-57 win over the
9 University of Northern Iowa on February 24, 2017, in
10 Des Moines, Iowa; and

11 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs became the first team to go
12 undefeated in MVC regular-season play with a 105-89
13 victory over Wichita State on March 4, 2017, in Des
14 Moines, Iowa; and

15 WHEREAS, that victory also gave the Bulldogs a
16 13-0 home record, becoming the second team in program
17 history to go unbeaten at home; and

18 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs won their sixth MVC tournament
19 title with a 74-69 overtime win over the University
20 of Northern Iowa on March 12, 2017, in Moline,
21 Illinois; and

22 WHEREAS, that victory completed an unprecedented
23 season for the Bulldogs with a perfect 18-0 MVC record
24 and a 22-game winning streak, the second-longest such
25 streak in the nation; and

26 WHEREAS, that victory also earned the Bulldogs the
27 MVC's automatic bid to the National Collegiate Athletic
28 Association (NCAA) women's basketball tournament; and

1 WHEREAS, Drake senior Lizzy Wendell was named the
2 2017 Jackie Stiles MVC Women's Basketball Player of
3 the Year, freshman Becca Hittner was chosen the MVC
4 Freshman of the Year, and head coach Jennie Baranczyk
5 was named the MVC Coach of the Year; and

6 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs entered the NCAA tournament
7 for the eleventh time in the program's history; and

8 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs' historic season ended in
9 the first round of the tournament with a 67-54 loss
10 to Kansas State on March 18, 2017, in Manhattan,
11 Kansas; and

12 WHEREAS, the loss was the Bulldogs' first loss
13 since December 21, 2016, and left the team with a 28-5
14 overall record; and

15 WHEREAS, those 28 victories tied the all-time single
16 season total in program history with the 1978-1979 and
17 1981-1982 teams; and

18 WHEREAS, Lizzy Wendell was named an honorable
19 mention All-American by the Associated Press on
20 March 27, 2017, becoming only the second player in
21 program history to earn Associated Press All-America
22 honors; NOW THEREFORE,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
24 recognizes and congratulates the Drake University
25 women's basketball team and program on its outstanding
26 regional and national athletic achievements; and

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
28 Resolution be sent to Drake University Women's
29 Basketball Team Head Coach Jennie Baranczyk and Drake
30 University President Earl F. Martin.