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A Senate resolution

honoring Tessa Johnson and the University of South Carolina women's basketball team for winning the 2024 NCAA Women's Basketball national championship.

WHEREAS, Tessa Johnson was a 2023 graduate of St. Michael-Albertville High School and led the Knights to the Minnesota girls state basketball tournament in three out of four years; and

WHEREAS, in her senior year of high school, Tessa was named Minnesota's Miss Basketball as well as a McDonald's All-American; and

WHEREAS, this year, Tessa was on the University of South Carolina women's national championship team. In the championship game in Cleveland on April 7, 2024, she scored 19 points, a career high, to help lead the Gamecocks to an 87-75 victory over the University of Iowa Hawkeyes; and

WHEREAS, Tessa became the first college freshman since 2013 to lead her team in scoring in a championship game; and

WHEREAS, Tessa isn't just a leader on her team, she is a leader in developing the next generation of basketball players. She volunteered with younger basketball teams, attending their games and practice and providing mentorship to the players; and

WHEREAS, not only is Tessa a very skilled basketball player, she is an amazing human. She is kind, a hard worker, dedicated, and a great teammate with outstanding character values; and

WHEREAS, the University of South Carolina women's basketball team remarkably ended their season with a perfect 38-0 record, and now hold a 109-3 record in the last three seasons; and

WHEREAS, this victory over the University of Iowa Hawkeyes is the third national championship title for the University of South Carolina women's basketball program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Minnesota that it congratulates Tessa Johnson and the University of South Carolina women's basketball team on winning the national championship and extends best wishes to their future pursuits on and off the court.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is directed to prepare an enrolled copy of this resolution, to be authenticated by the Secretary's signature and that of the Chair of the Senate Rules and Administration Committee, and transmit it to Tessa Johnson.

Tom Bottern
Secretary of the Senate

Erin P. Murphy
Chair, Senate Committee on
Rules and Administration

Eric Lucero
State Senator, District 30