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Chair Doherty and Members of the Committee,

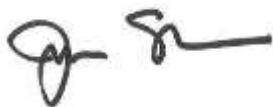
Thank you for setting aside a few minutes of your crowded schedule to hear this Resolution.

Sports bring us together, and not just because in this moment we are cheering for the same team. In athletic success we celebrate the triumph of determination and sheer hard work in addition to athleticism. Persistence in the face of challenge after challenge is part of SOU's DNA, and the 2019 Women's Softball team exemplifies that.

The strength and grace of these young women on the field is remarkable - and, they fought every inch of the way to earn the national championship while *simultaneously* earning top marks in the classroom. These young women are our region's future professionals – the people who will teach our children, run our hospitals, handle our finances, and make the movies that entertain us. Together they have learned to maximize their individual talents to contribute to their community's – the team's – success. They will build on these skills, this national championship experience, to become community leaders in the years ahead.

Since the start of the 2020 season on February 1, the team is steamrolling across the West with a 10-2 season so far. I hope to have them in the Capitol when this bill makes it to the House floor - and look forward to introducing them to you.

Thank you for extending this honor to them.



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