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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, APRIL 17, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Drexel University Women's Basketball Team on
2 its outstanding season, which culminated in winning the
3 Women's National Invitation Tournament Championship on April
4 6, 2013.

5 WHEREAS, On April 6, 2013, the Drexel University Women's
6 Basketball Team, the Dragons, became the first Division I
7 women's team in Philadelphia to win a national postseason
8 tournament when they defeated Utah in the National Invitation
9 Tournament Championship by a score of 46-43; and

10 WHEREAS, The Dragons' hard-fought victory is also the first
11 time a Philadelphia Division I team ended its season with a
12 national tournament championship since the Villanova Men's
13 Basketball Team won the National Invitation Title in 1994; and

14 WHEREAS, The team's four seniors, in their last game for the
15 Dragons, made vital contributions and led their team to victory;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Senior forward Nicki Jones, who missed the season's
3 final 15 games due to a knee injury, was one of the loudest
4 supporters of her teammates on the court; and

5 WHEREAS, Senior guard Renee Johnson-Allen, who during the
6 season arguably became the Dragons' best rebounder, made one of
7 the most important plays late in the game when she skillfully
8 managed to keep the ball inbounds, leading to teammate Hollie
9 Mershon's go-ahead layup; and

10 WHEREAS, During the game, senior forward Taylor Wootton, who
11 played more games than anyone who ever wore a Drexel uniform,
12 became the 21st player in Drexel University Women's Basketball
13 history to reach 1,000 career points and finished her career
14 with 1,003 points; and

15 WHEREAS, Speaking of her team's historic win, senior forward
16 Hollie Mershon, Women's National Invitation Tournament Most
17 Valuable Player and season leading scorer, stated, "there's
18 definitely nothing better than playing on your home court and
19 winning a championship game and cutting down the net you were
20 playing on for the whole season"; and

21 WHEREAS, The Dragons finished their season with an impressive
22 28-10 record, the most single-season wins in school history; and

23 WHEREAS, The team, led by head coach Denise Dillon and
24 associate head coach Amy Mallon and their assistants, consisted
25 of seniors Renee Johnson-Allen, Nicki Jones, Hollie Mershon and
26 Taylor Wootton, juniors Fiona Flanagan, Tory Thierolf and Jamila
27 Thompson, red-shirt junior Abby Redick, sophomore Jackie Schluth
28 and freshmen Carrie Alexander, Meghan Creighton, Rachel Pearson
29 and Pandora Wilson; and

30 WHEREAS, It is fitting to recognize such exceptional

1 individuals whose dedication, hard work and teamwork put them in
2 a class all their own; therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate the
4 Drexel University Women's Basketball Team on its outstanding
5 season, which culminated in winning the Women's National
6 Invitation Championship on April 6, 2013.