119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. _____

Congratulating the Gannon University men's basketball team on their victory in the 69th National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II men's basketball national championship.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. FETTERMAN (for himself and Mr. MCCORMICK) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the Gannon University men's basketball team on their victory in the 69th National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II men's basketball national championship.

Whereas, on Sunday, April 5, 2026, the Gannon University Golden Knights (referred to in this preamble as the ''Golden Knights'') defeated the Lander University Bearcats (referred to in this preamble as the ''Bearcats'') by a score of 84 to 61 to win the 2026 National Collegiate Athletic Association (referred to in this preamble as the ''NCAA'') Division II men's basketball national championship;

Whereas the Golden Knights advanced to the NCAA Division II men's basketball finals for the second time in program history, capturing their first national title;

Whereas the victory marked the first team national championship in Gannon University athletics history;

Whereas the Golden Knights overcame an early game deficit against the Bearcats, capitalizing on 9 first-half turnovers, and entered halftime leading 37 to 21;

Whereas the combined efforts of the entire Golden Knights' roster and staff led to victory, cementing the most accomplished Gannon University men's basketball team in the program's history;

Whereas sophomore guard and NCAA Division II Tournament Most Valuable Player, Pace Prosser of Berlin, Pennsylvania, scored a total of 28 points to lead all scorers throughout the game;

Whereas, under the direction of Easton Bazzoli, the Golden Knights have complied a 61–10 record, a winning percentage of 0.859, over his first 2 seasons as head coach;

Whereas the Golden Knights won 6 games in a row to secure the NCAA Division II men's basketball national championship, with a 34–3 record and the most wins in a single season in Gannon University men's basketball history;

Whereas the Golden Knights finished their already dominant season with an average 95.1 points-per-game and scoring margin of 22.1 points, a top-3 and top-2 NCAA Division II season record respectively;

Whereas the entire Golden Knights' roster and staff contributed to their decisive victory; and

Whereas the victory of the Gannon University Golden Knights in the NCAA Division II national championship game brings tremendous pride for fans everywhere: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved,

That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the Gannon University Golden Knights men's basketball team and their entire staff for their victory in the 2026 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II national championship game; and

(2) respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to—

(A) the President of Gannon University, Keith Taylor;

(B) the Director of Gannon University Athletics, Meghan Morphy; and

(C) the Head Coach of the Gannon University Golden Knights men's basketball team, Easton Bazzoli.