

## House Resolution 892

By: Representatives Wade of the 9<sup>th</sup>, Dubnik of the 29<sup>th</sup>, Cox of the 28<sup>th</sup>, Barrett of the 24<sup>th</sup>, McDonald of the 26<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the University of North Georgia women's softball team for winning the 2023  
2 NCAA Championship; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the University of North Georgia women's softball team has established and  
4 maintained a proud tradition of excellence with equal emphases on character and academics;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, this superlative team has completed another triumphant season of women's  
7 softball competition by posting an outstanding record of 64 wins and only seven losses,  
8 setting a program record for victories, breaking the previous mark of 62 in 2018; and

9 WHEREAS, this season also marked the Nighthawks third season in a row reaching at least  
10 the national semifinals and fourth time reaching the NCAA championship since its previous  
11 national title in 2015; and

12 WHEREAS, the University of North Georgia softball team would not be denied in its pursuit  
13 of a national championship. Powered by a rally in the first game and a dominant  
14 performance in the second contest, the Nighthawks secured the program's second national

15 title with 7-3 and 3-0 victories against Grand Valley State University in the NCAA Division  
16 II championship series May 30-31, 2023, at Frost Stadium in Chattanooga, Tennessee; and

17 WHEREAS, the phenomenal performance of the team is a clear indication of the outstanding  
18 athletic ability, dedication, hard work, and unity of purpose and spirit of each member of the  
19 team; its superb offensive and defensive talents; and the astute direction of Head Coach Mike  
20 Davenport who now has 1,042 career victories in 23 seasons with the University of North  
21 Georgia. His teams have reached the NCAA championship eight out of the 15 seasons they  
22 have been eligible after transitioning from NAIA; and

23 WHEREAS, this magnificent team performed with precision during the season and earned  
24 its well-deserved reputation for high standards of athletic achievement, the quality of its play,  
25 and the stiff competition it presented to its opponents, and it is abundantly fitting and proper  
26 to call them champions.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
28 the members of this body congratulate the University of North Georgia women's softball  
29 team for winning the 2023 NCAA Championship and extend best wishes for their continued  
30 success.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
33 University of North Georgia women's softball team.