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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION DRSJR45366-LG-105C (04/20)

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Referred to:

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE DUKE BLUE DEVILS ON WINNING THE
2 2015 NATIONAL BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

3 Whereas, on April 6, 2015, the Duke University men's basketball team won the
4 2015 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Championship by defeating
5 the University of Wisconsin by a score of 68-63; and

6 Whereas, this championship gives Duke University its fifth Division I NCAA title
7 for the men's basketball program, adding to the championships won in 1991, 1992, 2001, and
8 2010; and

9 Whereas, the Blue Devils have achieved an outstanding record during their NCAA
10 tournament history, which includes being selected 13 times as a No. 1 seed and appearing in 39
11 tournaments with 11 championship game appearances, 16 Final Four appearances, 20 Elite
12 Eight appearances, and 24 Sweet 16 appearances; and

13 Whereas, the Blue Devils finished the 2014-2015 season with a record of 35-4 and
14 were ranked No. 1 by the USA Today Top 25 men's basketball coaches' poll; and

15 Whereas, much of the Blue Devils' success can be attributed to the leadership of
16 head coach, Mike Krzyzewski, a Hall of Fame coach, who during his 35 seasons at Duke has
17 led his teams to a record of 945-251; and

18 Whereas, Coach Krzyzewski along with his coaching staff of associate head coach
19 Jeff Capel and assistant coaches Nate James and Jon Scheyer guided the Blue Devils to an 11-2
20 record against nationally ranked opponents, including a 6-1 mark against top 10 foes; and

21 Whereas, Coach Krzyzewski maintains the record for the most number of NCAA
22 tournament wins, capturing his 88th NCAA win during the 2015 tournament, and with five
23 championship titles he owns the second most championships in NCAA history; and

24 Whereas, Duke's historic run also saw Coach Krzyzewski become the first NCAA
25 Division I men's basketball coach to amass 1,000 career victories with the monumental win
26 coming by virtue of a 77-68 triumph over St. John's at Madison Square Garden on January 25,
27 2015; and

28 Whereas, many individual team members were recognized for their efforts during
29 the year and throughout their college careers, including Jahlil Okafor, who was a consensus
30 first team All-America, National Freshman of the Year, and became the first freshman in ACC
31 history to be named conference player of the year; and

32 Whereas, senior co-captain Quinn Cook earned second team All-America and
33 All-ACC honors after posting career-bests in scoring, field goal percentage, free throw
34 percentage, three-point field goal percentage, and three-point field goals; and



1 Whereas, freshman Tyus Jones was named the Final Four Most Outstanding Player
2 and was selected to the All-Tournament team along with teammates Grayson Allen and Justise
3 Winslow. Tyus Jones was also the South Regional MOP with Justise Winslow and Matt Jones
4 earning spots on the South Regional All-Tournament team; and

5 Whereas, each year Duke University is recognized as one the nation's best academic
6 institutions and its basketball program continues to have one of the highest graduation rates for
7 its athletes. In 2015, the Blue Devils placed five members (Grayson Allen, Tyus Jones, Amile
8 Jefferson, Marshall Plumlee, and Justise Winslow) on the ACC All-Academic team for the first
9 time in program history; and

10 Whereas, these accomplishments reflect favorably on the basketball tradition that
11 began in 1906 when Duke alumnus Wilbur Wade "Cap" Card established the sport of
12 basketball at Duke University (then Trinity College); and

13 Whereas, these extraordinary accomplishments bring great honor and distinction to
14 the State of North Carolina and deserve recognition by the State; Now, therefore,
15 Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

16 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly expresses the appreciation and admiration of
17 the people of North Carolina to Duke University's men's basketball team for winning the 2015
18 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Championship.

19 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly especially recognizes the achievements of
20 team members Grayson Allen, Quinn Cook, Amile Jefferson, Matt Jones, Tyus Jones, Sean
21 Kelly, Sean Obi, Jahlil Okafor, Nick Pagliuca, Marshall Plumlee, and Justise Winslow along
22 with assistant coaches Nate James and Jon Scheyer; associate head coach Jeff Capel; and head
23 coach Mike Krzyzewski.

24 **SECTION 3.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Wilbur Wade "Cap"
25 Card for his contributions to the basketball program at Duke University.

26 **SECTION 4.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
27 resolution to Duke University President Richard H. Brodhead, Vice President and Director of
28 Athletics Kevin White, and all of the individuals honored in this resolution.

29 **SECTION 5.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.