

Senate Resolution 421

By: Senators Adelman of the 42nd and Hawkins of the 49th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Emory University Eagles on winning the 2008 NCAA Division III
2 Volleyball National Championship; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, for the Emory University Eagles volleyball team, the 2008 NCAA Division III
4 Championship, the program's first national title, capped off a storybook season; and

5 WHEREAS, the Eagles displayed a resolve and tenacity unmatched by any team in this
6 year's national tournament, battling back from deficits in four of their five NCAA
7 Tournament matches, including an 0-2 disadvantage against Ohio Northern in the semifinals;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, in the championship contest, Emory rallied after losing the opening set to earn
10 a 3-1 victory over the University of LaVerne; and

11 WHEREAS, Emory's 2008 36-5 season established a school record for most victories in a
12 season and marked the eleventh time in the program's 22-year history that a team reached the
13 30-win plateau; and

14 WHEREAS, the phenomenal performance of the team is a clear indication of the outstanding
15 athletic ability, the dedication and hard work, and the unity of purpose and spirit of each
16 member of the team; their superb offensive and defensive talents; and the astute direction of
17 Head Coach Jenny McDowell, the 2008 American Volleyball Coaches Association Division
18 III National Coach of the Year, and the coaching staff, Justin Hart, Amanda Welter, and Eric
19 Hawes; and

20 WHEREAS, the Emory seniors, Maggie Baird, Dani Huffman, Lulu Kaiali, and Madison
21 Robelen, were team leaders both on and off the court and instrumental to the drive to the
22 national championship; and

23 WHEREAS, the rest of the team included juniors Alysse Meyer, Vista Murphy, and Kaitlin
24 Westfall; sophomores Kelsey Krzyston, Amelia McCall, Ana Ramirez, and Allison Sharp;
25 and freshmen Kelsey Freeman, Kelsey Hodge, Ellen McCreery, Brannan O'Neill, Natalie
26 Schonefeld, and Alexandra Wright; and

27 WHEREAS, while the phenomenal 2008 season was a result of a complete team effort, a
28 number of individuals were recognized for their outstanding play with post-season acclaim
29 by the AVCA, with First Team All-American distinction going to Dani Huffman and Alysse
30 Meyer, and Second Team honors for Natalie Schonefeld; and

31 WHEREAS, Dani Huffman was also named the Most Outstanding Player of the NCAA
32 Division III National Championships, and Natalie Schonefeld and Alexandra Wright were
33 chosen to the All-Tournament Team.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
35 congratulate the 2008 Emory Eagles for capping off their historic 36-5 season with their first
36 NCAA Division III National Championship and extend their sincere best wishes for future
37 success.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
39 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the players and coaches of the Emory
40 University Eagles volleyball team.