

# 2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 725

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3 Commending the Patrick & Henry Community College women's softball team.

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6 WHEREAS, for the first time in program history, the Patrick & Henry Community College women's  
7 softball team advanced to the National Junior Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Women's Softball  
8 World Series and won the national championship by defeating North Dakota State College of Science 6–4 on  
9 May 25, 2024; and

10 WHEREAS, each of the players and coaches for the Patrick & Henry Community College (P&HCC)  
11 Lady Patriots (Lady Pats), including Laila Rodriguez, Sydney Foster, Greenly Elliott, Bailey Daeke, Emma  
12 Cude, Tatumn Brim, Madison Sipe, Makalah Wiggins, Kayle Nichols, Morgan Strickland, MacKenzie  
13 Adkins, Kyndal Hopkins, Destiny Talbott, Jaci Parham, Alexis Knight, Rachael Gooch, Emily Gilley,  
14 Breanna Foster, assistant coach Josh Gooch, and head coach Robbi Campbell, made a host of contributions  
15 throughout the regular season and the national tournament; and

16 WHEREAS, after winning the National Junior Collegiate Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division III  
17 regional and district titles, the P&HCC Lady Pats entered the national tournament as a number two seed and  
18 defeated talented teams from Herkimer College, SUNY Corning Community College, and North Dakota  
19 State College of Science; and

20 WHEREAS, in the first round matchup against the Herkimer College Generals, freshman Makalah  
21 Wiggins opened the World Series with a two-run home run in the second inning; and

22 WHEREAS, freshman Laila Rodriguez followed with three runs of her own in the second-round win  
23 against the SUNY Corning Community College Red Barons, registering a game-high three stolen bases, a  
24 category in which she also led the nation in the regular season; and

25 WHEREAS, in the semifinals win over the defending champion North Dakota State College of Science  
26 (NDSCS) Wildcats, sophomore Kyndal Hopkins sent the game to extra innings with a home run in the sixth  
27 inning, and Makalah Wiggins homered in the eighth inning, securing the P&HCC Lady Pats a spot in the  
28 championship; and

29 WHEREAS, in the first of two NJCAA Division III Softball World Series championship games, the  
30 P&HCC Lady Pats were defeated by the NDSCS Wildcats, but the Lady Pats rebounded to defeat their  
31 opponents in the second game, winning the 2024 national championship; and

32 WHEREAS, in the extra-inning championship game, sophomore Bailey Daeke hit a double in the 10th  
33 inning to score the go-ahead run; and

34 WHEREAS, this run was enough for the 2024 NJCAA Division III Softball National Player of the Year,  
35 sophomore Morgan Strickland, to secure the championship for the P&HCC Lady Pats by striking out the final  
36 batter on pitch number 130; Strickland pitched all 10 innings of the championship game, striking out five  
37 batters in total, earning her Pitcher of the Tournament honors after she pitched 38.2 out of a total of 39  
38 innings for the P&HCC Lady Pats in the tournament; and

39 WHEREAS, Laila Rodriguez was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player after sporting a .500  
40 batting average, seven stolen bases, and exceptional play in the field; and

41 WHEREAS, the 2024 NJCAA Division III Softball National Coach of the Year, P&HCC women's  
42 softball head coach Robbi Campbell, was named the Coach of the Tournament after leading the P&HCC  
43 Lady Pats to their first title in program history; and

44 WHEREAS, Morgan Strickland, freshman Rachael Gooch, and Laila Rodriguez were all named to the  
45 2024 NJCAA Division III Softball All-America team; and

46 WHEREAS, the 2024 NJCAA Division III national championship season was a testament to the skill and  
47 dedication of all the student-athletes, the leadership and guidance of coaches and staff, and the passionate  
48 support of friends, family members, faculty, and fans of the P&HCC Lady Pats throughout the  
49 Commonwealth and across the nation; now, therefore, be it

50 RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Patrick & Henry Community College women's softball  
51 team hereby be commended for advancing to and winning the national championship of the National Junior  
52 Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Women's Softball World Series in 2024; and, be it

53 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for  
54 presentation to Robbi Campbell, head coach of the Patrick & Henry Community College women's softball  
55 team, and Brian Henderson, assistant vice-president of student engagement and athletic director at Patrick &  
56 Henry Community College, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the team's historic  
57 achievements.

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