

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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1 **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 656**

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4 *Commending Diamond Johnson.*

5 Patrons—Hayes, Anthony, Askew, Callsen, Clark, Feggans, Glass, Mundon King, Scott, D., Sewell and
Ward

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7 WHEREAS, in 2024, Diamond Johnson, a point guard on the Norfolk State University women's
8 basketball team, helped the team win the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference championship and received
9 the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Newcomer of the Year award and the BOXTOROW HBCU Impact
10 Award; and

11 WHEREAS, a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Diamond Johnson began her college basketball
12 career with Rutgers University, then played two seasons with North Carolina State University; and

13 WHEREAS, Diamond Johnson has earned numerous accolades throughout her college career and was
14 previously named to the 2023 Naismith Player of the Year and 2023 Dawn Staley Award watch lists
15 and was a finalist on the 2023 Women's Basketball Coaches Association All-America team; and

16 WHEREAS, Diamond Johnson transferred to Norfolk State University (NSU) in 2023, and over the
17 course of her debut season with the NSU Spartans, she was one of the most dominant players in the
18 conference, averaging 20.2 points, 5.3 rebounds, 3.8 steals, and 2.9 assists per game; and

19 WHEREAS, as the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Newcomer of the Year and the
20 BOXTOROW HBCU Impact Award winner, Diamond Johnson was selected as a member of the
21 2023-2024 Women's Basketball All-MEAC Team and the All-Defensive Team, as well as the
22 BOXTOROW HBCU All-America First Team; and

23 WHEREAS, in addition to the MEAC championship title, Diamond Johnson helped the NSU
24 Spartans earn their third consecutive regular season title, set the program record for wins in a season
25 with 27, and advance to the National Collegiate Athletics Association tournament; now, therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Diamond Johnson hereby be commended on winning
27 the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Newcomer of the Year award and the BOXTOROW HBCU Impact
28 Award during her incredible 2023-2024 season with the Norfolk State University women's basketball
29 team; and, be it

30 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution
31 for presentation to Diamond Johnson as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her
32 exceptional athletic achievements.

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