

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 660

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Commending Kierra Wheeler.

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

WHEREAS, in 2024, Kierra Wheeler, a forward on the Norfolk State University women's basketball team, helped the team win the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference championship and was selected as the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Player of the Year and the BOXTOROW HBCU National Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, a native of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Kierra Wheeler won a state basketball championship in her freshman year of high school and reached 1,000 career points the following season; she continued to excel in basketball at Daytona State College, then transferred to Norfolk State University (NSU) in 2022; and

WHEREAS, since then, Kierra Wheeler has earned numerous accolades and helped the NSU Spartans win two consecutive Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) championship titles; and

WHEREAS, over the course of her junior season in 2023-2024, Kierra Wheeler was one of the most dominant players in MEAC, averaging 17.6 points, 9.7 rebounds, and 1.6 steals per game; she recorded nine 20-point games, two 30-point games, and multiple double-doubles, including a career-high game in which she scored 33 points and had 17 rebounds; and

WHEREAS, as the MEAC Player of the Year and the BOXTOROW HBCU National Player of the Year, Kierra Wheeler was selected as a member of the 2023-2024 Women's Basketball All-MEAC Team and the BOXTOROW HBCU All-America First Team; and

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

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Kierra Wheeler hereby be commended on winning the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Player of the Year award and the BOXTOROW HBCU National Player of the Year during her incredible 2023-2024 season with the Norfolk State University women's basketball team; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Kierra Wheeler as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her exceptional athletic achievements.

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