

Reps. Kolb, Stewart, Tobocman, Byrnes, Lipsey, Gonzales, Farrah, Gillard, Taub, Kathleen Law, Lemmons, III, Accavitti, Adamini, Anderson, Angerer, Ball, Baxter, Bieda, Booher, Brown, Byrum, Caswell, Caul, Casperson, Cheeks, Clack, Clemente, Condino, Cushingberry, Elsenheimer, Farhat, Gaffney, Garfield, Gleason, Hansen, Hildenbrand, Hopgood, Hunter, Jones, Kehrl, LaJoy, David Law, Leland, Lemmons, Jr., Marleau, Mayes, McDowell, Meyer, Murphy, Nitz, Phillips, Plakas, Polidori, Proos, Rocca, Sak, Shaffer, Sheltroun, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi and Vander Veen offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 94.

A resolution honoring and congratulating the 2005 University of Michigan women's softball team upon winning the Women's College World Series.

Whereas, On June 8, 2005, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, the number one ranked Wolverines defeated the seventh ranked UCLA Bruins in a 4-1 extra inning game to bring home the first national championship in the program's history; and

Whereas, The University of Michigan, in its 72 game season, advanced to its eighth women's college world series (WCWS), earned its first number one ranking midseason, won its tenth Big Ten Conference championship, and seventh Big Ten Tournament title. The University of Michigan is the first team east of the Mississippi River to reach the WCWS championship game and the first non-west coast school to be ranked number one midseason; and

Whereas, Coach Carol Hutchins earned her 900th career win. Pitcher Jennie Ritter earned the honor of Big Ten Pitcher of the Year and was one of three finalists for the USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year. Other members of the team include: Lorilyn Wilson, Jennifer Kreinbrink, Lauren Talbot, Tiffany Worthy, Stephanie Bercaw, Michelle Teschler, Stephanie Winter, Grace Leutele, Lauren Holland, Samantha Findlay, Alessandra Giampaolo, Nicole Motycka, Rebekah Milian, Tiffany Haas, Michelle Weatherdon, Jessica Merchant, Becky Marx, and Angie Danis; and

Whereas, These truly exceptional young women balanced class work, community service, practice, and over 15 games per month, all while maintaining strong academic records. Six team members earned Academic All Big Ten honors; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body honor Coach Carol Hutchins, the assistant coaches, and all of the players of the University of Michigan women's softball team on their title of 2005 National Champions. May they know of our admiration and wishes for success in the future.