



2019 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 29

May 8, 2019 - Introduced by Senators BEWLEY, RINGHAND, TIFFANY and WIRCH, cosponsored by Representatives B. MEYERS, BOWEN, CONSIDINE, HEBL, MILROY, OHNSTAD, SARGENT, SHANKLAND, SINICKI, SPREITZER, C. TAYLOR, VRUWINK and TUSLER. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** honoring Wisconsin native Megan Gustafson for an incredible college
2 women's basketball career.

3 Whereas, Megan Gustafson was born and raised in the town of Port Wing in
4 Bayfield County, graduating from South Shore High School in a class of 11 students
5 in 2015; and

6 Whereas, during her high school career, Megan Gustafson played basketball as
7 a South Shore Cardinal and was recruited to play for the Iowa Hawkeyes after
8 graduation; and

9 Whereas, Megan won numerous awards and recognitions playing basketball
10 while in high school, including being named to the Wisconsin Associated Press Girls
11 Basketball All-State fourth team and the Indianhead Conference's Division 5 Girls
12 All-State Team in 2013 as a sophomore; being nominated to the All-Conference first
13 team four seasons straight and to the All-State first team twice; being the first
14 player in Wisconsin high school girls basketball history to score 2,000 career points
15 by her junior year, before ultimately breaking a 2004 all-time scoring record in the

1 state of Wisconsin with 3,229 career points, leading her team to two appearances at
2 the State Girls Basketball Tournament; and being selected as the 2014-2015
3 recipient of the Pat Richter Award as the Triple Play Triple Threat Female Athlete
4 of the Year and the Indianhead Conference's Player of the Year for both the West and
5 East Divisions in 2015; and

6 Whereas, Gustafson will graduate on May 10, 2019, from the University of Iowa
7 with a double major in finance and marketing and a minor in psychology, where she
8 has been recognized as All-Academic Big Ten, having maintained at least a 3.0 GPA
9 during her entire college career; and

10 Whereas, Gustafson leads the nation in scoring, points, and field goal
11 percentages and is the top rebounder in Big Ten history leading Iowa to a Big Ten
12 Tournament title before being named a first-team All-American by ESPNW for the
13 second year in a row in addition to winning the Big Ten Player of the Year award
14 twice, making Megan only the ninth two-time Big Ten Player of the Year in
15 conference history; and

16 Whereas, during her college career, Megan has earned and received many
17 awards, including being recently named the 2018-2019 ESPNW National Player of
18 the Year, the Naismith Player of the Year, the U.S. Basketball Writers Association
19 Player of the Year, the Associated Press Women's College Basketball Player of the
20 Year, 13-time Big Ten Player of the Week, first-team AP All American, first-team
21 All-Big Ten, Big Ten Tournament MVP, and recipient of the Lisa Leslie Award, given
22 to the nation's top center; and

23 Whereas, an incredible college career came to an end on April 1, 2019, with a
24 career total 2,804 points, 1,001 of which were scored in her final season, making
25 Gustafson only the fourth player in Division I history to score 1,000 points in a

1 season, 136 collegiate games played, breaking records for field goals, points,
2 rebounds, and season percentages and field goal percentages for the NCAA,
3 University of Iowa, and Big Ten while leading the Iowa Hawkeyes to their first Big
4 Ten Tournament title in 18 years and to their first Elite Eight in 26 years as well as
5 helping Iowa tie a program record with 29 wins in her final season; and

6 Whereas, at the Women's National Basketball Association's draft on April 10,
7 2019, at the Nike New York headquarters in New York City, Megan Gustafson was
8 selected 17th overall in the second round of the draft to begin her professional
9 basketball career with the Dallas Wings; and

10 Whereas, Megan Gustafson has consistently represented her family,
11 community, teams, state, and country as a positive role model in high school and
12 college, serving in leadership roles, supporting her teammates during their
13 successes and failures, committing to hard work and inspiring others to do the same;
14 now, therefore, be it

15 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** that the members
16 of the Wisconsin Legislature hereby recognize Megan Gustafson for her outstanding
17 college career and wish her all the best in her endeavors.

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