

A RESOLUTION honoring Emma Talley of Princeton, 2015 NCAA Women's Individual Golf Champion.

WHEREAS, on Monday, May 25, 2015, at the Concession Golf Club in Bradenton, Florida, Kentuckian Emma Talley carded a final round score of 3-under-par 69 to win the 2015 NCAA Women's Individual Golf Championship; and

WHEREAS, Emma Talley, a native of Princeton, Kentucky, and the daughter of Dan and Jennifer Talley, has shown precocious golfing skill from an early age, earning top-five finishes in the KHSAA Girls State Golf Championship as a sixth and seventh grader; and

WHEREAS, Emma Talley won the State Championship in her freshman, junior, and senior years at Caldwell County High School. She was denied a Championship in her sophomore year only when she was disqualified after signing an incorrect scorecard, a violation she brought to the attention of tournament officials, an act which showed a character far more impressive and meaningful than any athletic talent; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her prep golf career, Emma Talley won ten American Junior Golf Association events, was named as a member of the Junior Ryder Cup and Junior Solheim Cup teams, and twice made the cut at the U. S. Women's Open before entering college at the University of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Emma Talley's victory in the NCAA Tournament capped off a remarkable year in which she was named first team All-American by the Women's Golf Coaches Association, finished the year with a scoring average of 72.50, which paced the Crimson Tide and ranked 14th nationally, ranked fourth in the final Golfstat.com women's rankings and seventh in the final Golfweek/Sagarin Individual Performance Index, had a career-best seven top-ten finishes, with three top-five individual finishes, and was the top UA finisher at nine of 11 tournaments; and

WHEREAS, Emma Talley played some of the finest golf of her career during the week of the NCAA Championship, leading the field of the nation's best collegiate golfers

by a stroke going into the fourth and final round, where she managed to hold off her competitors with a bogey-free round of 69, that was made more difficult by a 52-minute weather delay prior to her birdie putt on the last hole of the round. After the delay, she calmly holed the putt to preserve the one-stroke victory; and

WHEREAS, with the NCAA victory, Emma Talley adds to a long list of accomplishment, highlighted by her victory in the 2013 U.S. Women's Amateur. With her victory, she became just the fifth woman in history to win both the Amateur and the NCAA titles; and

WHEREAS, Emma Talley's historic achievements, stellar play, and outstanding character should be publicly applauded and honored;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. The members of this Honorable Body, both individually and collectively, do hereby congratulate Emma Talley upon her victory in the 2015 NCAA Women's Individual Golf Championship, declare her to be an outstanding representative of the Commonwealth, and wish her good fortune in all future endeavors.

➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate shall forward a copy of this Resolution to Senator Dorsey Ridley for presentation to Emma Talley.