

House Resolution 49 - Introduced

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1 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. ____
1 2 BY WESSEL=KROESCHELL
1 3 A Resolution honoring the Iowa State University
1 4 Cyclones Women's Basketball team.
1 5 WHEREAS, by any measure the 2008=2009 Iowa State
1 6 University Women's Basketball season has been a
1 7 remarkable success as the team finished number three
1 8 in the nation in attendance, winning 27 games,
1 9 finishing third in the Big 12 Conference, and making
1 10 the Elite Eight of the 2009 National Collegiate
1 11 Athletic Association (NCAA) Championship; and
1 12 WHEREAS, following a 23=7 regular season, where the
1 13 Cyclones played nine games against nationally ranked
1 14 opponents, the team, led by seniors Heather Ezell,
1 15 Amanda Nisleit, Nicky Wieben, Toccara Ross, and
1 16 Jocelyn Anderson earned a fourth seed in the NCAA
1 17 Championship's Berkeley, California Region; and
1 18 WHEREAS, in the tournament the Cyclones beat
1 19 Michigan State University 69=68 to advance to the NCAA
1 20 Championship's Elite Eight for the second time in
1 21 school history, with that remarkable victory including
1 22 one of the greatest rallies in Iowa State history as
1 23 the Cyclones trailed by seven points with less than a
1 24 minute and a half remaining in the game; and
1 25 WHEREAS, the Cyclones NCAA Championship run
1 26 included wins over East Tennessee State University and
1 27 Ball State University; and
1 28 WHEREAS, following the tournament, senior Amanda
1 29 Nisleit was named to the NCAA All=Region team; and
1 30 WHEREAS, for 14 seasons the Cyclones have been led
2 1 by Iowa=born coach Bill Fennelly, the dean of Big 12
2 2 Conference coaches who is a three=time finalist for
2 3 the Naismith Women's College Coach of the Year Award
2 4 (2001, 2002, 2005), who has been voted Women's
2 5 Basketball Coaches Association District 5 Coach of the
2 6 Year twice (1999, 2005), and finished second in the
2 7 Associated Press' Women's Coach of the Year balloting
2 8 in 1998; and
2 9 WHEREAS, Coach Fennelly is ably assisted by
2 10 associate head coach Jack Easley, assistant coach Jodi
2 11 Steyer, assistant coach Latoja Schaben, director of
2 12 basketball operations Josh Carper, and graduate
2 13 assistant Molly Parrott; and
2 14 WHEREAS, under Coach Fennelly the women's
2 15 basketball program has blossomed, attendance has grown
2 16 from an average of less than 1,000 per game to almost
2 17 10,000 per game currently, and the Cyclones have
2 18 posted their ninth 20=win season and 10th NCAA
2 19 appearance; NOW THEREFORE,
2 20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
2 21 That the House of Representatives congratulates Coach
2 22 Fennelly, his staff, and the members of the Iowa State
2 23 University Cyclones Women's Basketball team for their
2 24 outstanding performance in the 2008=2009 season, and
2 25 thanks them all for the honor they have brought both
2 26 to their university and to the State of Iowa.
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