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1 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. _____
1 2 BY MASCHER, ABDUL-SAMAD, ALONS, ANDERSON,
1 3 ARNOLD, BAILEY, BAUDLER, BELL, BERRY, BUKTA,
1 4 CLUTE, COHOON, DANDEKAR, DAVITT, DE BOEF, DEYOE,
1 5 DOLECHECK, DRAKE, FOEGE, FORD, FORRISTALL,
1 6 FREVERT, GASKILL, GAYMAN, GIPP, GRANZOW,
1 7 GRASSLEY, GREINER, HEATON, HEDDENS, HOFFMAN,
1 8 HORBACH, HUNTER, HUSER, JACOBS, JACOBY, JOCHUM,
1 9 KAUFMANN, KELLEY, KRESSIG, KUHN, LENSING, LUKAN,
1 10 LYKAM, MAY, McCARTHY, MERTZ, H. MILLER,
1 11 L. MILLER, MURPHY, OLDSO, D. OLSON, R. OLSON,
1 12 S. OLSON, T. OLSON, PALMER, PAULSEN, PETERSEN,
1 13 PETTENGLILL, QUIRK, RAECKER, RANTS, RASMUSSEN,
1 14 RAYHONS, REASONER, REICHERT, ROBERTS, SANDS,
1 15 SCHICKEL, SCHUELLER, SHOMSHOR, SMITH, SODERBERG,
1 16 STAED, STRUYK, SWAIM, D. TAYLOR, T. TAYLOR, THOMAS,
1 17 TJEPKES, TOMENGA, UPMEYER, VAN ENGELENHOVEN,
1 18 VAN FOSSEN, WATTS, WENDT, WENTHE, WESSEL-KROESCHELL,
1 19 WHITAKER, WHITEAD, WIENCEK, WINCKLER,
1 20 WINDSCHITL, WISE, WORTHAN, and ZIRKELBACH
1 21 A Resolution honoring Lisa Bluder, Head Coach of the
1 22 University of Iowa's Women's Basketball Team and 2008
1 23 Big Ten Coach of the Year.
1 24 WHEREAS, Lisa Bluder is an Iowa native and a
1 25 graduate of Linn-Mar High School in Marion and of the
1 26 University of Northern Iowa, where she earned a
1 27 bachelor's degree in marketing in 1983; and
1 28 WHEREAS, Coach Bluder was named Missouri Valley
1 29 Coach of the Year three times, in 1995, 1997, and
1 30 1998, while coaching the women's basketball team at
2 1 Drake University; and
2 2 WHEREAS, Lisa Bluder is one of the most respected
2 3 and admired coaches in women's collegiate basketball,
2 4 with an overall record of 504=239 (.679) and 148=97
2 5 (.605) in eight seasons at the University of Iowa; and
2 6 WHEREAS, in her first season with the Black and
2 7 Gold, Ms. Bluder transformed a struggling program into
2 8 a 21-game winner, leading her Hawkeyes to tie for
2 9 second place in the Big Ten and win the Big Ten
2 10 Tournament title in 2001; and
2 11 WHEREAS, Virginia and USA Basketball Head Coach
2 12 Debbie Ryan chose Bluder as an assistant coach to help
2 13 guide Team USA at the 2001 World University Games in
2 14 Beijing, China; and
2 15 WHEREAS, Team USA marched into the gold medal game
2 16 against host team China and won 87=69 and finished the
2 17 2001 World University Games with a 7=1 mark; and
2 18 WHEREAS, Coach Bluder has guided Iowa to five
2 19 upper-division finishes in the Big Ten Conference,
2 20 including winning a share of the league title with
2 21 Ohio State in 2008, and her teams have ranked in the
2 22 top five in Big Ten scoring and assists all eight
2 23 seasons; and
2 24 WHEREAS, student athletes who have played under
2 25 Lisa Bluder have a 100 percent job placement rate
2 26 following their collegiate careers; and
2 27 WHEREAS, all of Coach Bluder's recruited student
2 28 athletes have earned their degrees and three former
2 29 players have become coaches == Randi Peterson as head
2 30 coach at Coe College and Cara Consuegra and Jennie
3 1 Lillis as assistant coaches at Marquette University;
3 2 and
3 3 WHEREAS, Coach Bluder won career game number 500 on
3 4 February 10, 2008, at Penn State, becoming the 35th
3 5 Division I coach to accomplish the feat; and
3 6 WHEREAS, Lisa Bluder is the second most winning
3 7 women's basketball coach at Iowa, behind the
3 8 exceptional Women's Basketball Hall of Fame member C.
3 9 Vivian Stringer; and
3 10 WHEREAS, the 2008 Big Ten Coach of the Year honor
3 11 is Coach Bluder's second at Iowa, the first coming in
3 12 2001, and it is her fifth Big Ten Coach of the Year

3 13 honor overall; NOW THEREFORE,
3 14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
3 15 That the House of Representatives congratulates Head
3 16 Coach Lisa Bluder for being named 2008 Big Ten Coach
3 17 of the Year and leading the Hawkeyes to another
3 18 successful season, thanks Coach Bluder for bringing
3 19 honor to the University of Iowa and the State of Iowa,
3 20 and wishes Coach Bluder the very best in all her
3 21 future endeavors; and
3 22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon adoption, an
3 23 official copy of this Resolution be prepared for
3 24 presentation to University of Iowa Women's Basketball
3 25 Head Coach Lisa Bluder.
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