

Senate Resolution 144 - Introduced

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1 1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. _____
1 2 BY HATCH, McCOY, ZAUN, DEARDEN, APPEL, COURTNEY,
1 3 QUIRMBACH, OLIVE, WARNSTADT, DVORSKY, DOTZLER,
1 4 RIELLY, DANIELSON, HOGG, KREIMAN, HANCOCK, SENG,
1 5 SCHMITZ, RAGAN, BEALL, STEWART, BOLKCOM,
1 6 BLACK, KIBBIE, HORN, WOOD, SCHOENJAHN, CONNOLLY,
1 7 HECKROTH, FRAISE, GRONSTAL, NOBLE, McKINLEY,
1 8 GASKILL, BEHN, WIECK, ZIEMAN, SEYMOUR, BOETTGER,
1 9 HARTSUCH, MULDER, JOHNSON, HAHN, HOUSER,
1 10 KETTERING, and PUTNEY
1 11 A Resolution to honor Drake University's men's and
1 12 women's basketball teams.
1 13 WHEREAS, in 2007, Drake University's men's
1 14 basketball team, the Bulldogs, fought to its first
1 15 winning season in 20 years, and by 2008 had twice won
1 16 the Big Four Trophy, besting the University of Iowa,
1 17 the University of Northern Iowa, and Iowa State
1 18 University; and
1 19 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs are led by Coach Keno Davis,
1 20 a remarkable young man who came to Drake in 2003 and
1 21 became head coach in 2007, succeeding his own father,
1 22 Dr. Tom Davis, and
1 23 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs secured its first berth in
1 24 the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)
1 25 national tournament since 1971, defeating Illinois
1 26 State, with a first-ever 30-point win, in the Missouri
1 27 Valley Conference championship game; and
1 28 WHEREAS, with that victory in the Missouri Valley
1 29 tournament the Bulldogs, with a record of 28 wins and
1 30 four losses, became one of the top 20 basketball teams
2 1 in the nation; and
2 2 WHEREAS, Bulldog guard Adam Emmenecker, initially a
2 3 walk-on player, was named the winner of the Larry Bird
2 4 Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Year Award
2 5 and, with a 3.97 grade-point average, was named the
2 6 Academic All-American University Division Basketball
2 7 Player of the Year and the Missouri Valley Conference
2 8 Men's Basketball Scholar-Athlete of the Year; and
2 9 WHEREAS, Mr. Emmenecker, along with sophomore
2 10 teammate Josh Young, was a first team All-Missouri
2 11 Valley Conference selection; and
2 12 WHEREAS, in an NCAA Tournament nail-biter, the
2 13 Bulldogs, playing Western Kentucky and forcing the
2 14 game into overtime, showed the skill, the tenacity,
2 15 and the courage that has marked the team throughout
2 16 the season; and
2 17 WHEREAS, at that same time, the Drake women's
2 18 basketball team, led by fifth-year head coach Amy
2 19 Stephens, continued its tradition of excellence with
2 20 the Bulldogs' first 20-win season since 2001-2002 and
2 21 by winning its first Missouri Valley Conference
2 22 regular season title since the 2000-2001 season; and
2 23 WHEREAS, senior forward Jill Martin was selected
2 24 four times as the State Farm/Missouri Valley
2 25 Conference Women's Player of the Week, and junior
2 26 guard/forward Lauren Dybing also shared that honor
2 27 once, while senior guard Lindsay Whorton, with a 4.0
2 28 grade-point average and a double major in English and
2 29 education, was selected as the Prairie Farms Missouri
2 30 Valley Conference Women's Basketball Scholar-Athlete
3 1 of the Year; and
3 2 WHEREAS, for the ninth time in school history, and
3 3 the third time under coach Amy Stephens, the Bulldogs
3 4 participated in the 48-team Women's National
3 5 Invitational Tournament (WNIT); and
3 6 WHEREAS, in the first round at the WNIT, led by Ms.
3 7 Martin and Ms. Whorton, the Bulldogs bested Green Bay;
3 8 NOW THEREFORE,
3 9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
3 10 honors those remarkably talented young men and women
3 11 who make up the 2007-2008 Drake University men's and
3 12 women's basketball teams and congratulates them for

3 13 incredible seasons that have elevated the Bulldogs to
3 14 rank among the best teams in the nation, with the hope
3 15 for continued greatness in the future.
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