

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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Whereas, the hard work and dedication of each member of the Indiana Wesleyan University Women's Basketball Team was rewarded when they achieved an undefeated regular season and earned the right to compete in the NAIA Division II tournament in Sioux City, Iowa;

Whereas, the Wildcats' tournament experience proved to be the perfect ending to a perfect season. In the Division II National Championship game, the Indiana Wesleyan University Wildcats defeated the College of the Ozarks by a score of 48-34 and captured the school's first national title in women's basketball;

Whereas, the Champion Wildcats finished the year with a record of 38-0, becoming the first undefeated team in NAIA Division II history and set a new NAIA record for the most wins in a season;

Whereas, the Wildcats' all-time leading scorer, Liz Howerth, contributed 25 points in the championship game and was named the NAIA Division II Tournament's Most Valuable Player. Miss Howerth was also named to the NAIA

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Kodak/WBCA All-America Basketball team. In addition, Senior Stephanie Culp contributed five steals and four assists in the championship game to win the tournament's prestigious Hustle Award;

Whereas, this championship season marks the end of the collegiate careers of five Wildcats seniors who have taken the program to national prominence. Those five seniors accounted for 70.3 percent of the team's points during the season and 68 percent of the team's rebounds. In their four seasons, the Wildcats have amassed 128 wins, 18 losses, and won three Mid-Central Conference Championships; and

Whereas, in addition to the team's accomplishments, Head Coach Steve Brooks' commitment to build a successful women's basketball program at Indiana Wesleyan University was also recognized when he was named the Russell Athletic/WBCA National NAIA 2007 Coach of the Year: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly congratulates the Indiana Wesleyan University Women's Basketball Team on winning the 2007 NAIA Division II National Championship Title.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Indiana Wesleyan University President, Dr. Henry Smith; Athletic Director, Dr. Michael Fratzke; Head Coach, Steve Brooks and each member of the championship team.

