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A RESOLUTION honoring Stan Benge.

*Whereas, Stan Benge, Ben Davis High School girls basketball coach, was named the National Coach of the Year for 2009 by the Naismith Awards;*

*Whereas, Stan Benge was named the National Coach of the Year for 2009 for guiding the Giants to a 30-0 record, winning the Marion County Tournament, the Metropolitan Interscholastic Conference championship, and the Class 4A state title;*

*Whereas, The Giants were also ranked number one in USA Today's and ESPN Rise's national rankings;*

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*Whereas, Coach Benge was also named the coach of the Indiana Girls All-Star team;*

*Whereas, Coach Benge is a graduate of Ben Davis High School, where he participated in cross country, track, and basketball, earning all-county honors his senior year in basketball;*

*Whereas, Coach Benge graduated from Marian College with a major in health and physical education and a minor in social studies;*

*Whereas, A star on the Marian basketball team, Coach Benge lettered all four years and was named the most valuable player of the team in 1974;*

*Whereas, Coach Benge's first teaching position was at Roncalli High School in Indianapolis where he taught U.S. history and was assistant boys basketball and assistant boys track coach;*

*Whereas, Coach Benge returned to Wayne Township in 1978 to teach elementary physical education at Rhoades Elementary;*

*Whereas, During his career in Wayne Township, Stan Benge has coached girls golf, boys and girls track, boys cross country, middle school girls basketball, and high school girls basketball;*

*Whereas, During his 24 seasons as the head coach of the Ben Davis Lady Giants, he has won 77 percent of his games (438-126), giving him the most wins in Ben Davis basketball history;*

*Whereas, With Coach Benge at the helm, the Lady Giants have won two state championships, made five final four appearances, and won three semi-state, ten regional, and 20 sectional championships, seven county titles, and eight MIC championships;*



*Whereas, Coach Bengé has received numerous awards and recognitions throughout his career, including being named District 3 Coach of the Year in 1990 and 1992, Metro Coach of the Year in 1992 and 2000, IndianaBball.com Coach of the Year for the 2003-2004 season, and was selected as one of the coaches of the Indiana All-Stars in their sweep of Kentucky in the summer of 1995; and*

*Whereas, Special accomplishments deserve special recognition: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1           SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives  
2 congratulates Coach Stan Bengé on his selection as the National Coach  
3 of the Year for 2009 by the Naismith Awards and wishes him  
4 continued success in all his future endeavors.

5           SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
6 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Stan Bengé and his  
7 family, principal Joel McKinney, and superintendent Dr. Terry  
8 Thompson.

