

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 32

BY RANTS, WENDT, and WHITEAD

A Resolution honoring the Morningside College Women's Basketball Team on their national championship.

WHEREAS, Morningside College of Sioux City has, for the second consecutive time, won the women's basketball National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Division II national championship in Sioux City's Tyson Events Center/Gateway Arena; and

WHEREAS, in that title game the Morningside Mustangs once again were challenged by the number-one-ranked Cedarville University Yellow Jackets, winning by a score of 75 to 65 and snapping the Yellow Jackets' 22-game winning streak; and

WHEREAS, this second NAIA national championship was the capstone to the 2004-2005 season in which the Morningside Mustangs finished with a sizzling 35-3 record, setting a school record for victories in a season; and

WHEREAS, senior guard Megan Cloud, from Sioux City, scored a game-high 28 points for the national champions, including 18 points in the first half; and

WHEREAS, Megan was named the national tournament's Most Valuable Player for the second year in a row and was joined on the all-tournament team by teammate senior guard and Sioux City native Brittany Carper, who scored 12 points; and

WHEREAS, Megan has been named the NAIA Division II Women's Basketball Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Megan has been named to headline the 2005

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1 NAIA Division II Women's Basketball All-America team
2 and Brittany has been named to the All-America second-
3 team; and

4 WHEREAS, teammates Jill Pudenz, Vanessa Hasley,
5 Jennifer Francescon, Lindsey Chettinger, and Beth
6 Watson all added points to seal the victory; and

7 WHEREAS, Morningside College coach Jamie Sale, with
8 a 93-42 record, has been named the NAIA Division II
9 National Coach of the Year for the second consecutive
10 season; NOW THEREFORE,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
12 That the House of Representatives congratulates the
13 members of the Morningside College Women's Basketball
14 Team and their coach for the truly remarkable
15 achievement of winning a second straight NAIA Division
16 II Women's Basketball National Championship and thanks
17 them for the honor and recognition they have brought
18 to Morningside College and to the State of Iowa; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon adoption, an
20 official copy of this Resolution be prepared for
21 presentation to Coach Jamie Sale and the members of
22 the Morningside College Women's Basketball Team.

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