

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 162

BY HEATON

A Resolution honoring Coach Robert Hilmer, the "winningest" coach in the history of Iowa boys' high school basketball.

WHEREAS, Robert Hilmer was born in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and grew up in Storm Lake, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hilmer graduated from Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, where he taught in the community high school and began his coaching career as the boys' assistant basketball coach; and

WHEREAS, Coach Hilmer took his first head coaching position at Fredericksburg, where in four years he achieved a record of 56 wins and 25 losses, then was the head coach at Forest City for 34 years, with a record of 534 wins and 187 losses; and

WHEREAS, capping a four-decade career, in January 2006 Coach Hilmer, as the coach at WACO of Wayland, became the winningest coach in Iowa boys' basketball history when the WACO Warriors defeated the Pekin Panthers; and

WHEREAS, in the 2005-2006 season, the Warriors went on to place fourth in the class 1-A division at the 2006 Iowa Boys' State Basketball Tournament and to win the class 1-A Sportsmanship Trophy; and

WHEREAS, team member Travis Temple was named to the Des Moines Register's Boys' All-State Basketball First Team and team member Ryan Shelman was named to the Register's All-State Third Team and to the All-Tournament Team; and

WHEREAS, Coach Hilmer now holds a career record of

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1 691 wins and 234 losses and a state championship in 43  
2 years of coaching; and

3 WHEREAS, the National Federation of State High  
4 Schools Associations' Coaches Association named Coach  
5 Hilmer the 2005 National Coach of the Year for boys  
6 basketball, an award which is granted for a cumulative  
7 career of accomplishments, not just those  
8 accomplishments which take place on the court; and

9 WHEREAS, in honor of this achievement, WACO High  
10 School has named its basketball court the "Bob Hilmer  
11 Court"; and

12 WHEREAS, Coach Hilmer brings more than just  
13 coaching experience to the game of basketball; he  
14 brings integrity, and it is to that integrity that his  
15 players respond; NOW THEREFORE,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
17 That the House of Representatives honors Coach Robert  
18 Hilmer as Iowa's "winningest" boys' basketball coach  
19 and thanks him for his devotion to the game of  
20 basketball, to his student-athletes, and to public  
21 education in Iowa; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon adoption an  
23 official copy of this Resolution be prepared for  
24 presentation to Coach Hilmer.

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