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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION congratulating the Purdue University women's basketball team on winning the 1999 national championship.

Whereas, The state of Indiana takes great pride in the accomplishments of its higher education institutions;

Whereas, Significant achievements by intercollegiate athletic teams enhance the reputation of the institution and provide lasting experiences to student athletes, the general student population, and fans alike;

Whereas, The Purdue Boilermaker women's basketball team captured the attention of the nation in a season that



included victories over several highly ranked teams while forging an overall record of 34 wins and only one loss;

Whereas, The team consistently earned fervent fan support and high national rankings, including No. 1 at the end of the season;

Whereas, Their outstanding play led to sole possession of the 1999 Big Ten title with no league losses, followed by the Big Ten tournament championship;

Whereas, The team's regular season achievements preceded further victories in the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament during the month of March, culminating on March 28, 1999, when Purdue defeated Duke University 62 - 45 in the NCAA championship game to become the first Purdue or Big Ten women's basketball team to be crowned national champions;

Whereas, Members of the Purdue women's basketball team exemplified the highest ideals of the student athlete through their on court skills and their significant academic prowess in the classroom, including Academic All-Big Ten members Danielle Bird, Camille Cooper, Candi Crawford, Katie Douglas, Michelle Duhart, Amy Shaffer, Stephanie White-McCarty, and Tiffany Young;

Whereas, Senior co-captain Ukari Figgs was named Most Valuable Player of the NCAA Final Four, as well as a member of the Midwest Regional All-Tournament Team, Big Ten All-Tournament Team, First Team All-Big Ten, and All-American honorable mention;

Whereas, Senior co-captain Stephanie White-McCarty was the recipient of the Wade Trophy as the nation's outstanding senior player based on athletics, academics, leadership, community service, and sportsmanship; a First Team All-American selection; runner-up for National Player of the Year; GTE Academic All-American of the Year; Big



Ten Player of the Year; and other citations;

Whereas, The entire roster, including Mackenzie Curless, Kelly Komara, Mo-nique Langston, Beth Lapaich, Connie Murdock, Mary Jo Noon, and Shayla Potter, contributed to the success and reputation of the 1999 team; and

Whereas, Head Coach Carolyn Peck, in leading her team to the 1999 national championship, was cited as National Coach of the Year by The Associated Press, Sports Illustrated, The Sporting News, and the Women's Basketball Coaches Association, in addition top Big Ten Coach of the Year honors and being the 1999 recipient of the John and Nellie Wooden Award as the nation's top coach: Therefore,

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

1 SECTION 1. That the General Assembly congratulates the Purdue
2 University Boilermakers on winning the 1999 national championship
3 in women's basketball, as well as the 1999 Big Ten title and Big Ten
4 tournament.

5 SECTION 2. That the principal clerk of the House of
6 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to each member of
7 the team, to Head Coach Carolyn Peck, to assistant coaches, trainers,
8 and managers, and to the President of Purdue University, Dr. Steven
9 Beerling, and Athletic Director Morgan Burke.

