

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION to salute the Bethel College Pilots for their second consecutive NAIA Division II Men's Basketball National Championship.

Whereas, On March 17, 1998, the Bethel College Pilots displayed great heart and determination as they defeated Oregon Tech in a thrilling 89-87 victory in the NAIA Division II Men's Basketball National Championship;

Whereas, Rico Swanson courageously hit the winning basket with 1.6 seconds remaining in the game, giving Bethel its second consecutive NAIA Division II title, and its third in the last four years;

Whereas, For their outstanding play and sportsmanship, the tournament named the Pilots' Eric Brand, Ryan Bales and Rico Swanson to its all-tournament team; also naming Rico Swanson as the tournament's most valuable player for the second consecutive year and all time NAIA Division II tournament scoring leader;

Whereas, The Bethel College Pilots concluded their illustrious season with a 37-3 record under the leadership of Coach Mike Lightfoot; and,

Whereas, The Bethel College Pilots deserve recognition for their tremendous 1997-98 season. 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 hereby congratulates the Bethel College Pilots men's basketball team on its second consecutive NAIA Division II basketball title and a tremendous 1997-98 season.

SECTION 2. That the Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit copies of this Resolution to the following: Head Coach, Mike Lightfoot; President, Dr. Norman Bridges; all members of the 1997-98 Bethel College men's basketball team.