

**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION to honor the achievements and contributions of William Jack Butcher.

Whereas, William Jack Butcher is now Indiana's All time winningest high school basketball coach;

Whereas, William Jack Butcher was born in Loogootee, Indiana in 1932;

Whereas, William Jack Butcher started his education in Loogootee, Indiana at St. Johns and at Loogootee High School;

Whereas, during his attendance at Loogootee High School, William Jack Butcher was a member of his high school basketball team, leading the Loogootee Lions to three sectional titles;

Whereas, William Jack Butcher was awarded a basketball scholarship at Memphis State University in 1951;

Whereas, William Jack Butcher was drafted into the United States Army in 1953, where he served with the armored cavalry;

Whereas, William Jack Butcher married Rita Jones in 1954, and they raised seven children together, all of whom graduated

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from Loogootee High School and from college;

Whereas, William Jack Butcher resumed his studies at Memphis State University in 1955, and graduated in 1957;

Whereas, although William Jack Butcher was drafted to play professional basketball with the Boston Celtics in 1957, he chose instead to attend to his family and his teaching and coaching career, and accepted a teaching and coaching job at his hometown high school in Loogootee, where he has lived and worked ever since;

Whereas, William Jack Butcher's coaching achievements during that time have been outstanding, including a record at the end of the 1998-1999 season of 754 victories (against only 232 losses;) 33 consecutive winning seasons; 39 winning seasons; 18 sectional titles; 7 regional titles; 2 semi-state titles; 1 state runner-up; 2 Wabash Valley Preliminary Championships; 10 holiday tourney championships; 18 conferences titles; 4 undefeated regular seasons, and an average of 17.95 wins per year;

Whereas, William Jack Butcher's coaching honors include his recent achievement as the winningest coach in Indiana; Indiana Hall of Fame membership; Indiana Basketball Coach of the year in 1970 and 1975; Memphis State University M Club Hall of Fame; Indiana Basketball Coaches District 5 Coach of the Year in 1980 and 1990; Hoosier Basketball Coaches Association Coach of the Year in 1989 and 1990; Indiana All Stars Assistant Coach in 1991; Blue Chip Conference Coach of the Year 10 times; Founder and First Executive Director of the Hoosier Basketball Coaches Association; and

Whereas, William Jack Butcher has earned the respect and goodwill of his players, fellow coaches, referees, and citizens of Loogootee. Therefore:



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

SECTION 1. The House Representatives congratulates William Jack Butcher for his achievements and expresses its gratitude for his lifetime of service by which he has enriched the people of Indiana.

SECTION 2. The Principal Clerk of the House shall send a copy of this resolution to William Jack Butcher.

