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A RESOLUTION honoring Butch Carter, head coach of the NBA's Toronto Raptors.

Whereas, The road to success has never been easy for Butch Carter, but through hard work and determination he has succeeded at whatever he has undertaken;

Whereas, Now as head coach of the Toronto Raptors, a position he obtained on February 13, 1998, on an interim basis when Darrell Walker resigned, Carter is clearly one of the top up-and-coming coaches in the NBA;

Whereas, Carter was named the Raptors' head coach on June 12, 1998;

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Whereas, Carter, who has 12 years of NBA experience as a player, coach, and scout, emphasizes conditioning, discipline, defense, and teamwork, techniques he hopes will help the Raptors become the most improved team in the league;

Whereas, Carter's NBA career has included positions with the Milwaukee Bucks as an assistant coach from 1991 to 1996 and as a scout from 1996 to 1997;

Whereas, Before joining the Milwaukee Bucks, Carter served as an assistant coach at the University of Dayton for two seasons from 1989 to 1991 and for one year at Long Beach State University;

Whereas, In 1986, Carter began his coaching career in Ohio at Middletown High School, his alma mater, where he had record of 29 - 11 during two seasons;

Whereas, In 1988, Carter was named the Ohio Coach of the Year by the Associated Press, becoming the only person in the state's history to win both coach and player of the year honors;

Whereas, As a player, Carter was drafted by the Los Angeles Lakers in the second round of the 1980 draft and filled in for the injured Magic Johnson during his rookie year;

Whereas, Carter played a total of 361 games over six seasons with the Los Angeles Lakers, the Indiana Pacers, the New York Knicks, and the Philadelphia 76ers, averaging 8.7 points, 1.9 assists, and 1.5 rebounds per game;

Whereas, Carter holds the NBA record for the most points scored in one overtime period - 14 points against the Boston Celtics on March 20, 1984;

Whereas, Carter played collegiate basketball at Indiana University where he was named co-captain as a senior and earned his degree in marketing;

Whereas, During his junior year, the Hoosiers won the National Invitation Tournament (NIT), with Carter hitting the winning shot in the title game with only seconds to go and being named co-MVP;



Whereas, During the 1998-1999 season under Carter's guidance, the Toronto Raptors displayed one of the most stable rosters with only 10 games lost due to injury among the team's core 11 players;

Whereas, The Raptors have also improved in several other key areas, including rebounding (ranked 6th, up from 20th), free throw attempts (ranked 11th, up from 21st), free throw percentage (ranked 6th, up from 24th), and defensive field goal percentage (ranked 15th, up from 29th);

Whereas, Butch is not the only famous member of the Carter family. His younger brother, Cris, is a wide receiver with the Minnesota Vikings of the National Football League;

Whereas, Butch and Cris own a wholesale distribution company based in Indianapolis that specializes in prescription vials and caps, servicing its customers primarily through the Internet; and

Whereas, Butch Carter not only is a giant figure on the court but also one off the court as well, performing many community services, including serving as the Raptors TeamUp spokesperson and personally contributing \$10,000 to Cole Harbour High School in Halifax, Nova Scotia, to aid in its educational efforts toward racial harmony: Therefore,

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

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives wishes to
2 congratulate Butch Carter on his accomplishments both on and off the
3 court and to encourage him to keep up the good work.

4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Butch Carter and
6 the Toronto Raptors.

