

HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. ____

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION to honor the achievements of
the 1999-2000 Indiana State University Sycamore Men's
Basketball Team.

Whereas, the Indiana State University Sycamore Men's
Basketball Team has brought honor and distinction upon the
state of Indiana by clinching the Missouri Valley Conference
title Feb. 28, 2000, with a 56-54 win over Bradley before a
crowd of more than 8,700 fans in Hulman Center; and

Whereas, the Sycamores finished regular-season play
with a 21-8 record (14-4 MVC) - recording the university's first
20-win season and MVC title in 21 years - including a 63-60
victory at Indiana University to capture the Indiana Classic
Championship; and

Whereas, ISU senior guard Nate Green joins Larry Bird



as the only other Sycamore player to be named Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Year; he is just the second player in MVC history to earn Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year honors in the same season; he ranks among MVC leaders in scoring (14.1 ppg/sixth) assists (4.17 per game/fourth), blocks (1 per game/second) and steals (3.03 per game/first.) in three consecutive seasons; and

Whereas, junior forward Matt Renn (Sellersburg), junior guard Michael Menser (Batesville) and senior guard Nate Green (Des Moines, Iowa) have all been named to the Missouri Valley Conference's first-team men's basketball Scholar-Athlete Team for the second year by the league's sports information directors for having cumulative grade-point averages of at least 3.0/4.0; and their levels of performance are 3.59, 3.65 and 3.10, respectively; while Green was named to the MVC all-conference squad, Renn earned second-team accolades and Menser garnered honorable mention; and

Whereas, head coach Royce Waltman is a leading contender for Missouri Valley Conference Coach of the Year for his leadership in rebuilding the men's basketball program during his three seasons at Indiana State University; and

Whereas, assistant coaches Dick Bender, Rick Ray and Kareem Richardson have helped return the Sycamores' basketball program to the spotlight, attracting national attention to a program which hasn't been duly recognized since the fabled 1978-79 team danced to the NCAA Championship game; and

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

SECTION 1. The House of Representatives of the Indiana General Assembly extends congratulations to Indiana State University's men's basketball team, the coaching staff, faculty, staff and fans for contributing to the team's tremendous success and achievements both on and off the court.

SECTION 2. The Principal Clerk of the House is directed to deliver a copy of this resolution to the director of the Indiana State



University Athletic Department.

