

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_**

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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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MR. PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION congratulating Indiana State University's Men's Basketball team, Head Coach Royce Waltman and staff for winning the 2000 Missouri Valley Conference Basketball title.

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 on February 28, 2000, with a 56-54 win over Bradley University before a crowd of more than 8,700 fans in the Hulman Center;

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

Whereas, Indiana State University 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 Missouri Valley Conference history to earn Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year honors in the same season; he ranks among Missouri Valley Conference leaders in scoring assists, blocks, and steals in three consecutive seasons;

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Whereas, junior forward Matt Renn, junior guard Michael Menser, and senior guard Nate Green 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 attaining grade point average of 3.59, 3.65, and 3.10, respectively. Renn earned second-team Missouri Valley Conference Team accolades, and Menser garnered honorable mention;

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;

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;

Be it resolved by the Senate of the  
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana State Senate congratulate the Indiana State University Sycamores Men's Basketball Team upon their win in the Missouri Valley Conference.

SECTION 2. That the Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Indiana State University Men's Basketball Team, Head Coach Royce Waltman and staff.

