

House Resolution No. 707

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives truly recognize the educational and maturational opportunities afforded to Show-Me State high school students through the venues of competitive sports which teach the value of teamwork, training, and commitment; and

Whereas, the 2000-2001 New Madrid County Central High School Eagles boys basketball team repeated its stellar 1999-2000 season by once again capturing First Place in Missouri State High School Activities Association sanctioned competition at the state level; and

Whereas, earning Gold Medals and the Class 3A State Championship Trophy, the Eagles steadily marched toward the top position in the state by quashing DeSoto 78-66 in Sectional play on February 28, 2001; overcoming a challenge from St. Francis Borgia with a 51-45 win in Quarterfinal competition on March 3; and defeating Helias High School during the last few seconds of play to record a 54-52 victory on March 9 during the State Semifinals; and

Whereas, returning to the University of Missouri's Hearnes Center on March 10, 2001, the New Madrid County Central Eagles added yet another "W" on their roster of games by pulling two points ahead of Kansas City's Hickman Mills during an exciting 49-47 finish that depended upon great defense and a heart-stopping strategy which utilized multiple timeouts, a steal, and a stall, all within the last four seconds of regulation play to bring the season to a close with an impressive 23-7 win-loss record and the 3A State Championship; and

Whereas, very capably directed by retiring Head Coach Lennies McFerren, Sr., with assistance from Coaches Lennies McFerren, II, and David Mirly, the Eagles basketball team consisted of Nick Hunter, Tyler Wagner, Joseph Hunter, Byron Minner, Dereke Tipler, Anthony Pledger, Carnell Price, Lionel Smith, Desmond Sims, Brian Murph, Daniel Perschbacher, Derrell Minner, and Ronland Ranson with Bob Pulliam serving as scorekeeper, Alex Raspberry and Vaughn Shephard handling manager duties, and Derinda Newsom recording events as videographer:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the exceptional performance and outstanding accomplishments of the New Madrid County Central High School Eagles boys basketball team upon its well-deserved State Champion status for the second year in a row; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the New Madrid County Central High School Class 3A Eagles basketball program.

Offered by _____
 Representative Lanie Black
 District No. 161

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 707, adopted March 12, 2002.

 Jim Kreider, Speaker

