

House Resolution No. 684

Whereas, the Missouri House of Representatives takes great pride in recognizing an outstanding group of young athletes who have enjoyed considerable success through steadfast commitment to the highest standards of excellence; and

Whereas, the members of the Belton Boys Basketball Team from Belton High School in Belton, Missouri, recently distinguished themselves by taking First Place at the Suburban Mid-Eight Conference Championship; and

Whereas, the talented Belton athletes defeated the team from Raytown in an exciting game during which the Pirates fell behind in the final period but battled back for the one-point win that clinched their 61-60 victory; and

Whereas, the Pirates claimed their third conference title, the first since the 1972-1973 season, and set a school record for season victories with an incredible twenty-one wins; and

Whereas, the Belton Pirates could not have attained such phenomenal success this season without the exemplary leadership provided by Head Coach Kevin Gerke and Assistant Coaches Howard Knight and Greg Martin, all of whom have continually instilled within each of their outstanding players the desire to realize their full potential; and

Whereas, few athletes possess the athletic prowess displayed by Belton Pirates Zak Elgin, Drew Hoy, Seville Ko-Adams, Lee Dixon, Damon Brewington, Ryan Cartwright, Michael Sylvara, James Bradley, and Patrick St. Louis; and

Whereas, special words of commendation go out to Managers Ashley Williams, Emily Millot, Amber Jackson, Jessica McDonald, and Luke Remnitz, all of whom have played an integral role in the Pirates' success this season; and

Whereas, fellow students, faculty and staff of Belton High School, parents, and the entire community of Belton are exceedingly proud of the Pirates for their impressive display of teamwork and unwavering unanimity while aspiring towards incredible goals:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to the Belton High School Varsity Basketball Team for taking First Place at the Suburban Mid-Eight Conference Championship, and in wishing them only the very best of success in all their future competitions; 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 for Belton High School in Belton, Missouri.

Offered by _____

Representative Brian Baker

District No. 123

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 684, adopted March 4, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker