

House Resolution No. 899

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge crowning achievements in the history of Show-Me State high school athletic teams which admirably demonstrate the benefits of good sportsmanship, training, and determination; and

Whereas, the 2002-2003 Hickman Mills Lady Cougars basketball team earned distinction in Missouri State High School Activities Association Class 5 competition by completing an impressive 25-4 season embellished with a 13-1 Conference record; and

Whereas, during the season's sporting sojourn, the Lady Cougars attained Third Place honors in the Lee's Summit Tournament and the St. Joseph Benton Holiday Tournament, First Place in the Smithville tournament, and Championship titles for the Kansas City Suburban Small Eight Conference, Class 5 District 15, and Class 5 Sectional competitions; and

Whereas, the Lady Cougars were ranked as high as #1 in the Metro Sports Poll and always placed in the Top 5; as high as #2 in the Kansas City Star Poll, again always in the Top 5; and as high as #5 in the Missouri State Rankings for Class 5 schools; and

Whereas, the Lady Cougars basketball team was composed of seniors, Nicole Williamson, Ebony Shelby, Krystal White, Diahann Rhodes, LaDanya Johnson, and Cassi Verhelle; juniors, Canesha Funderburke, Erycka Fisher, and Delischa Utsey; and sophomores, Keisha Walker and Terri Counts; and

Whereas, under the watchful eyes of Principal Richard Plymell, the Hickman Mills basketball team successfully performed this season through the astute guidance of Athletic Director James Hunsaker, Head Coach Darin Hall, and Assistant Coaches Debra Hurt and James Singleton:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar season enjoyed by the Hickman Mills Lady Cougars basketball team and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's heartiest best wishes for continued personal, academic, and athletic success for many more years to come; 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 Hickman Mills girls basketball program.

Offered by _____
Representative Vicki Walker
District No. 50

Representative Cathy Jolly
District No. 45

Representative Mike Sager
District No. 48

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. 899, adopted March 18, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker