

House Resolution No. 1074

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State high school athletic teams which have demonstrated consistent dedication to the ideals of sportsmanship, cooperation, and determination throughout the competitive season; and

Whereas, Verona High School Wildcats have attained considerable distinction during the 2002-2003 school year in Missouri State High School Activities Association sanctioned play in the Class 1 category; and

Whereas, on March 22, 2003, the Wildcats basketball team trounced rival North Shelby by a score of 65-47 to claim First Place in State and to end the season with an impressive 32-0 overall win-loss record; and

Whereas, during its steady march to the state championship playoffs, Wildcats players took top billing at the Pierce City, Spokane, and Crane Tournaments; in their Conference; and at Districts; and

Whereas, the Verona Wildcats defeated Bradleyville 65-48 at Sectionals on March 11, Clarkton by a score of 51-47 in Quarterfinals on March 15, and Dadeville by a narrow 48-45 in Semifinals action on March 20; and

Whereas, admirably trained by Athletic Director and Coach Brad Stewart and Assistant Coach Jay Scott, the Verona Wildcats team included seniors, Steven Paul (wearing jersey 11), Jeff Carr (14), J.J. Tauai (15), James Probyn (33), and Gary Walters (44); juniors, Adam Koehler (30), Randon Jones (32), and Kent Stellwagen (40); sophomores, Kevin Walters (42) and Brandon Busselman (50); and freshmen, Andrew Smith (21) and Nick Stellwagen (24); and

Whereas, next year's Wildcats will miss the contributions of this year's graduating seniors even as the team joyfully accepts the diverse challenges which lie ahead as its members shoot for the goal of again attaining the glory of State Champions:

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 competitive record garnered by the Verona Wildcats during the 2002-2003 competitive season and to convey to the team's players and coaches this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon capturing First Place in state competition and our best wishes for continued personal, athletic, and academic 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 for the Class 1 State Champion Verona High School Wildcats basketball program.

Offered by _____
Representative Jack Goodman
District No. 132

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. 1074, adopted March 27, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker