

House Resolution No.

Whereas, it is with utmost respect and admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse legislative endeavors in order to acknowledge a rare milestone in the career of one of the Show-Me State's most productive coaches, Richard Marti of Lamar High School; and

Whereas, Head Coach Richard Marti earned his Five Hundredth Career Win on January 9, 2004, when the Lamar High School girls basketball Tigers defeated rival players from Frontenac, Kansas, by a score of 49-37; and

Whereas, with all five hundred of his career wins established at Lamar High School, head coach Richard Marti guided boys basketball teams for fifteen years before switching to the girls basketball program for sixteen seasons; and

Whereas, Richard Marti coached his first boys team to the State Quarterfinals during the 1973-1974 competitive season and has trained and guided two boys teams and three girls teams to District Champion status; and

Whereas, Head Coach Richard Marti garnered his Five Hundredth Career Win with the support and encouragement of Assistant Coach Tim Casper and a Tigers team composed of Amber Obert, Kayla Gariss, Sarah Graham, Jennifer Onstott, Raeann Caruthers, Kelsey Lehman, Katie Gage, Kara Kinney, Bethany Shackelford, Keri Forst, Chelsey Taylor, and Val Todd; and

Whereas, as he reflects on the rarity of Five Hundred Career Wins, Coach Richard Marti can appreciate the difficulty of attaining his overall record of 500-279, a truly monumental win-loss ratio of nearly two to one which has been carried out over the course of three decades:

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 athletic achievements garnered down through the years by Coach Richard Marti and to convey to the 2003-2004 Lamar girls basketball Tigers this legislative body's heartiest congratulations at handing their coach his Five Hundredth Career Win on January 9, 2004; 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 presentation to Coach Richard Marti of Lamar High School.

Offered by _____
 Representative Ed Emery
 District No. 126

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2004.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker