

House Resolution No. 4612

Whereas, it is with great pride and sincere admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize 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 Pipkin Middle School Seventh Grade Girls Basketball Team in Springfield, Missouri, distinguished themselves by taking First Place in the Springfield City Championship held October 25, 2003, in Springfield; and

Whereas, the talented Pipkin Seventh Grade Girls Basketball Team won the Springfield City Championship after an exciting, hard-fought competition that secured their undefeated record of thirteen wins and no losses this season; and

Whereas, recognized as a Caring Communities Basketball Team, the Pipkin Seventh Grade Girls Basketball Team has been playing together for seven years and boasts an outstanding team Grade Point Average; and

Whereas, the Pipkin Seventh Grade Girls Basketball Team could not have attained such phenomenal success this season without the exemplary leadership provided by Charles Cooksey, who has instilled the important values of teamwork and sportsmanship within all his outstanding players; and

Whereas, few middle school athletes possess the athletic prowess and stamina of Pipkin Seventh Grade Girls Basketball Team members Markia Starks, Kheyota Montgomery, Pазsley Looney, Kamesha Jones, Ashley McCollegan, Sarah Highfill, Myriah Hicks, Abby Callen, Alisha Horton, Jessica Jones, Kim Wheeler, Kaley Wood, Kristen Bergen, Danielle Bennett, Dameisha Newton, Natalia Allen, Ayrel Newton, Megan Barnhouse, and Patsy Botello; and

Whereas, fellow students, faculty and staff at Pipkin Middle School, parents, and the entire community of Springfield are exceedingly proud of the Girls Basketball Team for their impressive display of teamwork and unwavering unanimity while successfully 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 Pipkin Middle School Seventh Grade Girls Basketball Team for taking First Place in the Springfield City Championship, and further extend to them our very best wishes for continued 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 Pipkin Middle School.

Offered by _____
Representative Mark Wright
District No. 137

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. 4612, adopted November 6, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker