

House Resolution No. 1839

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State high school sports programs which admirably illustrate the highest standards of sportsmanship, teamwork, training, determination, and drive throughout the competitive season; and

Whereas, the O'Hara High School Celtics boys basketball team attained considerable distinction during 2004-2005 competition in which it successfully claimed the title of State Champion on March 12, 2005, during Missouri High School Activities Association sanctioned Class 4 action in the Mizzou Arena on the historic and beautiful University of Missouri-Columbia campus; and

Whereas, the O'Hara Celtics garnered their first-ever State Championship trophy with an 81-77 win over Willard High School in a thrilling overtime game which featured fifteen ties, twenty-two lead changes, a lead margin for either team of only three points at the end of each quarter, and the end of a twenty-eight game winning streak for the Willard players; and

Whereas, standing at 23 wins to 5 losses at the start of Sectional play, the O'Hara Celtics drove their way to the top of the Class 4 division by beating Grain Valley by a score of 51-42 to advance to the Quarterfinals, Platte County by a score of 57-54 to enter Semifinal action, and Notre Dame (Cape Girardeau) by a score of 84-72 to progress to Finals; and

Whereas, the match-up between the number one- and number two-rated Class 4 teams in the state proved to be a duel between Willard's significant 3-point abilities and the Celtic's proven rebounding and inside skills; and

Whereas, insightfully led by Head Coach Todd Magwire with assistance from Lewis Smith, Jay McNamara, Eric Greble, and Jed Smith, the 2004-2005 Celtics team was composed of Tokie Aromona, Marc Davis, Shane Dennis, Adrian Jackson, Casey McNamara, Jake Ortiz, Keith Robinson, Andrew Rogers, Michael Sanders, Jesse Thomas, Brandon Toliver, and Marcus Walker; and

Whereas, outstanding Championship Celtic players include senior guard Marcus Walker, who scored a game-high forty-points; sophomore point guard Adrian Jackson, who hit the game-tying 3-pointer at the end of the fourth quarter; sophomore power forward Tokie Aromona; senior Shane Dennis; and senior center Brandon Toliver:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar accomplishments garnered by the O'Hara basketball Celtics during the 2004-2005 competitive season and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon earning the title of Class 4 State Champions and our sincerest 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 2004-2005 O'Hara High School basketball program.

Offered by _____
Representative Will Kraus
District No. 48

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1839, adopted April 5, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker