

## House Resolution No. 2045

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

**Whereas**, Marcus Walker proved to be an invaluable member of the 2004-2005 Archbishop O'Hara High School Celtics basketball team; 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 full roster of the 2004-2005 Celtics team included 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 Marcus Walker of the O'Hara High School basketball team.

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. 2045, adopted April 12, 2005.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Rod Jetton, Speaker