

House Resolution No. 1182

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State high school athletic programs that truly embody the highest standards of teamwork, sportsmanship, training, and drive throughout the competitive season; and

Whereas, Ruskin Senior High School in the Hickman Mills C-1 School District of Jackson County, Missouri, sponsored a boys basketball team during the 2006-2007 school year that attained considerable distinction with a 29-1 season win-loss record and the Class 4 state trophy; and

Whereas, on March 10, 2007, the Ruskin Golden Eagles outscored Notre Dame High School 59-56 to take First Place in Missouri State High School Activities Association sanctioned events; and

Whereas, Ruskin High School earned its first-ever boys basketball state trophy after reaching the state Finals by defeating Kearney 64-37 in Sectionals, Benton 70-60 in Quarterfinals, and Willard 55-53 in Semifinals action; and

Whereas, 10-0 in their Conference, the Ruskin Golden Eagles boys basketball team was guided during 2006-2007 by Athletic Director Mark Simpson, Head Coach Gerry Marlin, and Assistant Coaches Carl Jenkins, Chris Barker, and Danny Williams; and

Whereas, players on the state Champions Ruskin basketball team include Jamal Davis, Raphael Taliferro, JB Pouncil, Demetrius Henderson, Alex Ashley, Nate Slaughter, Milton Garner, Marquise Williams, Demetrius Johnson, Eric Jones, and Michael Craion; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse legislative endeavors in order to recognize such outstanding Missouri high school basketball teams as the Ruskin Golden Eagles at momentous times in their histories:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with the Ruskin High School Golden Eagles boys basketball program and to convey to all of those involved with the 2006-2007 competitive season this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations for the team taking First Place at the state championship; 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 Ruskin Senior High School boys basketball program.

Offered by _____
 Representative Michael R. Brown
 District No. 50

 Representative Jason R. Holsman
 District No. 45

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1182, adopted March 13, 2007.

 Rod Jetton, Speaker