

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

Whereas, the University of Central Missouri's basketball team – the Central Missouri Mules – brought honor and distinction to their school and their state during the NCAA Division II semi-finals; and

Whereas, the Central Missouri Mules enjoyed an outstanding season with a final record of thirty-one wins and four losses; and

Whereas, the Central Missouri Mules ended their season on March 22, 2007, when they valiantly lost to the Winona State Warriors, the defending champions from Minnesota, in an overtime semi-final game held in Springfield, Massachusetts, with a score of ninety to eight-five, after the Central Missouri Mules defense forced Winona into twenty-one turnovers; and

Whereas, Central Missouri Mules player Zack Wright matched his season high with thirty-three points to pace the Mules, who had three players score in double-digits including sixteen points from Darryl Sommerset and fifteen points from Theo Jones; and

Whereas, the Central Missouri Mules, who were in the Final Four for the first time since 1984, are coached by Kim Anderson, who has a one hundred ten wins and forty-three losses overall during his tenure as head coach, was a player at the University of Missouri under legendary coach Norm Stewart, and named Big 8 Player of the Year in 1977; and

Whereas, six of the Central Missouri Mules performed especially meritoriously during the season: Zack Wright, Theo Jones, Wadale Williams, Darryl Sommerset, Charles Stoker, and Alonzo Brooks:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our congratulations to the Central Missouri Mules on the stellar performance during the 2006-2007 basketball season and on the determination and courage required to progress to the national semi-finals; 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 the Central Missouri Mules.

Offered by _____
 Representative David Pearce
 District No. 121

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. ____, adopted _____, 2007.

 Rod Jetton, Speaker