

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1832

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Marian Washington upon her retirement as head women's basketball coach at the University of Kansas.

WHEREAS, In 1973, months after Title IX was signed into law, Marian Washington became head women's basketball coach at the University of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Marian Washington is a true pioneer, overcoming the barriers that confronted other African-Americans and females in her generation to excel in the emergent field of collegiate women's basketball; and

WHEREAS, Marian Washington has achieved tremendous success in her career as Kansas University's women's basketball coach, serving for more than 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Coach Washington has accumulated numerous honors, including over 500 career victories, seven conference titles, six league tournament titles, three Kodak All-Americans, four total All-Americans, 11 National Collegiate Athletic Association Tournaments, two Sweet 16 finishes, three conference Coach of the Year awards, a mentor for seven Women's National Basketball Association players, the first African-American to coach a United States national team against international competition, and a coach of gold-medal winning United States Olympic Team; and

WHEREAS, Coach Washington has established Kansas University as one of the most successful programs in women's basketball history; her guidance has been instrumental in building the Kansas University women's basketball program as well as women's athletics across the nation; and

WHEREAS, Coach Washington is scheduled this summer to receive the highest professional honor of her career, induction into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, With qualities such as hard work, determination and compassion, Washington has paved the way for young women across the nation; her legacy will be forever solidified in Kansas and basketball history: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Marian Washington upon her retirement as the head women's basketball coach at the University of Kansas and the legacy she leaves the University; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Dr. Robert Hemenway, Chancellor, University of Kansas; Dr. Lew Perkins, Athletic Director, University of Kansas, and Marian Washington, all addressed to 1450 Jayhawk Blvd., 230 Strong Hall, Lawrence, KS 66045.

Senate Resolution No. 1832 was sponsored by Senator Mark A. Buhler.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*