HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6027

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the Wichita Heights High School boys basketball team.

WHEREAS, The Wichita Heights High School Falcons won the 2009 Class 6A State Championship with a 73-58 victory over Southeast High School; and

WHEREAS, This championship was the first in any boys sport at Wichita Heights High School since 1977; and

WHEREAS, The Falcons finished the season with a 24-1 record, including a 16-0 mark in the city league, the first team to do so since 1994 and finished the season ranked in the top ten in the country by CBS Max Preps; and

WHEREAS, The team members are Seniors Dorrian Roberts, Austin Bahner, Thomas Bland and Steven VanLooy; Juniors Darrell Dempsey and Keith Riley; Sophomores Dreamius Smith, Evan Wessel, E.J. Dobbins and Jay Bradley; Freshmen Perry Ellis and Terrence Moore; and team managers Kyle Coffman, Aaron Roberts and Austin Sheppard; and

WHEREAS, The team was expertly coached by Head Coach Joe Auer and assistant coaches Ric Vix, Bryan Chadwick and Tyler Richardson; and

WHEREAS, The Falcons also earned a number of individual awards during their fantastic season. Freshman Perry Ellis was named Gatorade Player of the Year in Kansas, Coach Joe Auer was named the State Coach of the Year by the Wichita Eagle and Seniors Thomas Bland, Austin Bahner and Dorrian Roberts earned All-League and All-State honors; and

WHEREAS, The dedication and teamwork required to win a state championship makes the Falcons accomplishments truly remarkable: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate and commend the Wichita Heights High School boys basketball team for winning the 2009 Class 6A State Championship and that we wish them future success.

House Resolution No. 6027 was sponsored by Representative Melody McCray-Miller.

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

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Speaker of the House.

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Chief Clerk of the House.