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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

Introduced by: Bartlett, Hale

A HOUSE RESOLUTION honoring Coach Jack Keefer.

Whereas, The name Jack Keefer is synonymous with basketball at Lawrence North High School in Indianapolis;

Whereas, Jack Keefer has been the head varsity basketball coach there for 40 years;

Whereas, Jack Keefer, known as the "Dean" of Marion County coaches, began his varsity coaching career with the Lawrence North Wildcats in 1976 and has been the only varsity basketball coach in the school's history;

Whereas, The member of the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame and the holder of four state championship titles was

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honored on January 29, 2016, when the Wildcats' gymnasium was renamed in his honor;

Whereas, In 2006, Coach Keefer received a coaching honor that has never before been bestowed upon any Indiana high school coach — he was recognized as the National High School Coach of the Year by USA Today, Sports Illustrated, and the National High School Coaches Association;

Whereas, In addition to his national honors, Coach Keefer has previously also been named Indiana Coach of the Year, Ball State Alumnus Coach of the Year, Marion County Coach of the Year, District Coach of the Year, and Conference Coach of the Year;

Whereas, With 740 wins as of February 13, 2016, Coach Keefer ranks second in the state among active coaches with only three coaches who have achieved more wins;

Whereas, Coach Keefer has an overall coaching record of 740 wins and 301 losses;

Whereas, In addition to his coaching duties at Lawrence North, Coach Keefer has also served as coach of the Indiana All-Star team, coach of the winning East team in the 2005 McDonald's All-American Game, coach of the McDonald's Derby Classic, the Indiana East/West All Star game, the Indiana North/South All Star game, and the Jermaine O'Neal All Star Classic;

Whereas, Lawrence North High School basketball teams have achieved great success under Coach Keefer's leadership;

Whereas, Perhaps no Lawrence North team achieved more success than the 2005-2006 team that finished 29-0, winning Lawrence North's third consecutive state championship and being named National Champion (the first Indiana high school team to achieve such recognition);

Whereas, The 2005-2006 team defeated nationally ranked teams from Ohio and Illinois, won the prestigious Marion County Tournament, tied a 50-year-old state record for 45



consecutive wins, and made history by winning a third consecutive state championship;

Whereas, Coach Keefer was born in Marion, Indiana, and has his undergraduate degree from Ball State University, his master's degree from Indiana University, and his graduate degree in school administration from Ball State University; and

Whereas, Such outstanding accomplishments as these deserve special recognition: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives recognizes
2 the many accomplishments of Coach Keefer and his contributions to
3 the youth of our state.

4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Jack Keefer and
6 the Lawrence Township School Corporation.

