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5 By: Senator Dees

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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 CONGRATULATING JOHN BROWN UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S
9 BASKETBALL HEAD COACH JEFF SODERQUIST UPON HIS
10 RETIREMENT AND COMMENDING HIM FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS
11 TO THE JOHN BROWN UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL PROGRAM.

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23 WHEREAS, after twenty-seven (27) seasons leading the John Brown
24 University women's basketball program, Head Coach Jeff Soderquist announced
25 his retirement on March 26, 2024, in the wake of a record-shattering season
26 that saw the John Brown University Golden Eagles secure a pair of league
27 titles and qualify for the NAIA National Championships; and

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29 WHEREAS, Head Coach Jeff Soderquist arrived at John Brown University as
30 a student-athlete in 1988 and continued with John Brown University as the
31 Assistant Director of Athletics and Head Coach of the women's basketball
32 program for the next thirty-six (36) years; and

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34 WHEREAS, in his years as head coach, Jeff Soderquist:

35 (1) Amassed a program-record four hundred twenty-four (424)
36 wins;



1 (2) Led the John Brown University Golden Eagles to seven (7)
2 NAIA National Championships;

3 (3) Led the John Brown University Golden Eagles to a national
4 semifinal finish in 2014; and

5 (4) Led the John Brown University Golden Eagles through seven
6 (7) 20-win seasons; and

7 WHEREAS, as the most successful coach in program history, Head Coach
8 Jeff Soderquist orchestrated an incredible final season that produced not
9 only his second-career Sooner Athletic Coach distinction, but also a bevy of
10 program defining moments including the most wins in a single season and the
11 longest winning streak; and

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13 WHEREAS, John Brown University hoisted three (3) new banners in the
14 2023-2024 season:

15 (1) Winning the league’s regular season title;

16 (2) Securing the program’s first tournament crown; and

17 (3) Making another appearance in the NAIA National
18 Championships; and

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20 WHEREAS, over the last two (2) seasons, John Brown University compiled
21 a 50-14 record and a 36-8 mark in league play; and

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23 WHEREAS, the John Brown University women’s basketball team finished 13-
24 1 in Siloam Springs this past season, setting a new single-season record with
25 a home winning percentage of point nine hundred and twenty-nine (.929); and

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27 WHEREAS, during his tenure, Head Coach Jeff Soderquist’s players
28 combined to garner thirty-eight (38) All-Sooner Athletic honors including
29 nine (9) first team selections, four (4) SAC Freshmen of the Year picks, and
30 one (1) league Player of the Year nod; and

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32 WHEREAS, Head Coach Jeff Soderquist has deeply impacted his student-
33 athletes and the John Brown University community,

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35 NOW THEREFORE,

36 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE

1 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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3 THAT the Senate congratulate John Brown University Women's Head Coach
4 Jeff Soderquist upon his retirement and commend him for his contributions to
5 the John Brown University basketball program.

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7 BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption, a copy of this resolution shall be
8 provided to Head Coach Jeff Soderquist by the Secretary of the Senate.

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