

SENATE RESOLUTION

COMMENDING WESTARK COMMUNITY COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL HEAD COACH GAYLE KAUNDART AND ASSISTANT COACH WESLEY KAUNDART, AND MEMBERS OF THE WESTARK LIONS BASKETBALL TEAM, FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING DISPLAY OF COACHING TALENT, ATHLETIC ABILITY AND SPORTSMANSHIP, AND WISHING THEM WELL IN THE NATIONAL MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT.

WHEREAS, the Westark Community College men's basketball team, the Lions, recently won the Arkansas Junior College post-season tournament for the eleventh time in the past thirteen years and won the Region II Junior College post-season tournament, comprised of the winners of the Arkansas and the Oklahoma tournaments, for the eighth time in the past thirteen years; and

WHEREAS, the WCCMBT has won the Bi-State East Conference Championship, comprised of teams in Arkansas and Eastern Oklahoma, nine times in the past thirteen years; and

WHEREAS, the WCCMBT will shortly be representing the State of Arkansas in the National Junior College Athletic Association's national men's basketball tournament for the eighth time in the past thirteen years; and

WHEREAS, under the outstanding coaching ability of Head Coach Gayle Kaundart, the Westark Community College "Lions" have won 377 games over the past thirteen seasons, while losing only 85 games, for an average of 29 wins per season against only 6.5 losses, and a winning percentage of 81.6 percent, believed to be the best record for the thirteen-year period in the State of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the Lions team has produced two outstanding players who have competed as professionals in the National Basketball Association during the past thirteen-year period, as well as numerous players in the Continental and European basketball leagues during the same thirteen-year period; and

WHEREAS, Coach Gayle Kaundart's overall record over his 37-year coaching career, since his graduation from and the completion of his playing career at the College of the Ozarks, which career has included coaching positions at Green Forest, Conway, and Northside High School in Fort Smith, includes well over 1,000 wins at the Junior High, high School, and Junior College levels,

and a total of 36 Championships at the State, Regional and National levels;
and

WHEREAS, the Westark Community College Lions have already won one National Championship during the thirteen-year tenure of Head Coach Gayle Kaundart; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Gayle Kaundart and Assistant Coach Wesley Kaundart, and all the members of the Westark Community College Men's basketball team are deserving of public commendation and congratulations for their remarkable display of athletic ability and sportsmanship,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

The Arkansas Senate hereby commends Westark Community College men's basketball Head Coach Gayle Kaundart, Assistant Coach Wesley Kaundart, and the members of the Westark Community College men's basketball team, the Lions, for their remarkable display of coaching talent, athletic ability and sportsmanship, and expresses best wishes to Coaches Gayle and Wesley Kaundart and the Lions team on the eve of their entry into the 1987 National Junior College Athletic Association's National Men's Basketball Championship Tournament.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the adoption of this Resolution, a copy hereof shall be transmitted to Coach Gayle Kaundart.