

SENATE RESOLUTION

COMMENDING THE 1986-87 UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS LADY RAZORBACKS BASKETBALL TEAM AND RECOGNIZING THE TEAM TO BE A HARBINGER OF THE CONTRIBUTION OF WOMEN'S SPORTS TO THE FUTURE OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN ARKANSAS.

WHEREAS, the University of Arkansas Lady Razorbacks Basketball Team has won the 1987 Women's National Invitational Tournament, defeating Montana, Providence, and California University teams by an average margin of 20 points per game; and

WHEREAS, the University of Arkansas Lady Razorbacks have set an NIT record for total points scored, with 305 points in three games, breaking another NIT record by scoring 112 to 80 against the University of California at Berkeley and becoming the first Southwest Conference team to win the Women's NIT; and

WHEREAS, these victories were broadcast on national television, heightening public awareness and appreciation of our great state; and

WHEREAS, Lady Razorbacks Coach John Sutherland has distinguished himself by his selection as 1986 Southwest Conference Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the Women's Athletic Program at the University of Arkansas has given young women opportunities to advance their educational goals while expanding their athletic abilities, with the Lady Razorbacks including young women student athletes from across the state and showing a 100 per cent graduation rate among its four-year seniors; and

WHEREAS, this team has established a distinguished record of good sportsmanship, practicing exemplary behavior in each game; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Razorbacks games have presented hours of wholesome entertainment for the public and set an exceptional example for girls throughout Arkansas who aspire to athletic and academic greatness,

NOW THEREFORE,

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

That the 1986-87 University of Arkansas Lady Razorbacks Basketball Team is

recognized by the Arkansas Senate as a harbinger of the contribution of women's sports to the future of our young people in Arkansas.