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8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

9 HONORING THE JOHN BROWN UNIVERSITY GOLDEN EAGLES
10 MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM AS NAIA DIVISION I
11 CHAMPIONS.

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13 **Subtitle**

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15 GOLDEN EAGLES MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM AS
16 NAIA DIVISION I CHAMPIONS.

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19 WHEREAS, the John Brown University Golden Eagles men's basketball team
20 surprised many of their fans by making a historic run into the National
21 Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division I championship game held
22 March 22, 2005, at the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Missouri; and

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24 WHEREAS, John Brown University (24-11 on the season) of Siloam Springs,
25 Arkansas, became the first team from the State of Arkansas to win the
26 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics title in the oldest
27 national college tournament; and

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29 WHEREAS, the unseeded team from John Brown University defeated seventh-
30 ranked Union University (Tennessee), tenth-ranked Louisiana State University-
31 Shreveport, Biola University (California), Carroll College (Montana), and
32 eighth-ranked Azusa Pacific University (California) on their road to the NAIA
33 championship; and

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35 WHEREAS, described as a "Cinderella story", John Brown University's
36 effort was led by sharpshooter Brandon Cole, the Chuck Taylor Tournament Most



1 Valuable Player, a Junior from Hector, Arkansas; and

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WHEREAS, John Brown University’s Brandon Cole and Pat Smits were selected for the All-Tournament team; and

WHEREAS, John Brown University men’s basketball team was coached by John Sheehy, Head Coach for the past sixteen (16) years, and Assistant Coach Donnie Bostwick. Dr. G. Robert Burns is the school’s Athletic Director, and Todd Bowden is the team’s trainer; and

WHEREAS, Golden Eagles team members are: Steve Briggs, Brandon Cole, Reyjavick De Gracia, Tyler Dees, Todd Frazier, Mike Garland, Chris Meisner, Isaac St. Rose, Ty Sawyer, Pat Smits, Alex Terry, Joel Tesis, John Williams, Ryan Woodson, and Adam Workman; and

WHEREAS, the friendships and teamwork of the John Brown University Golden Eagles allowed the team to play with the heart of an admirable and truly deserving national champion,

NOW THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the members of the House of Representatives of the Eighty-fifth General Assembly of the State of Arkansas honor the historic accomplishment of the John Brown University men’s basketball team as the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division I Champions.