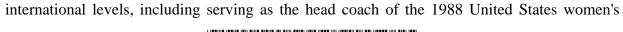
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2009

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION DRHJR50123-LG-34* (1/28)

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Referred to:	

1 2 3	A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF SANDRA KAY YOW, BELOVED WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACH AT NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY.
4	Whereas, Sandra Kay Yow was born on March 14, 1942, in Gibsonville, North
5	Carolina, to Hilton Lee Yow and Elizabeth Cora Scoggins Yow; and
6	Whereas, Kay Yow earned a bachelor's degree in English, with a minor in Library
7	Science, from East Carolina University in 1964 and a master's degree from the University of
8	North Carolina at Greensboro in 1971; and
9	Whereas, Kay Yow began her career at Allen Jay High School in High Point, where
10	she taught English and coached the girls' basketball team; and
11	Whereas, Kay Yow gained valuable experience as a high school basketball coach
12	during her four years at Allen Jay High School and one year at Gibsonville High School,
13	compiling a winning record of 92-27; and
14	Whereas, Kay Yow became the State's first female head coach of a women's
15	basketball team on the collegiate level when she joined the athletic department at Elon College
16	in 1971; and
17	Whereas, while at Elon College, Kay Yow compiled a record of 57-19 and led the
18	team to State championships in 1972 and 1974; and
19	Whereas, Kay Yow was hired by North Carolina State University (NCSU) in 1975
20	to serve as the coach of the women's basketball, volleyball, and softball teams and as the
21	coordinator of women's sports; and
22	Whereas, during her 34 years at NCSU, Kay Yow developed an outstanding
23	basketball program that brought great distinction to the University, the State of North Carolina,
24	and women's athletics; and
25	Whereas, Kay Yow led her teams to five Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) regular
26	season championships and four ACC tournament titles; and
27	Whereas, Kay Yow took her teams to the National Collegiate Athletic Association
28	(NCAA) tournament 20 times, making 11 trips to the Sweet 16 and advancing to the 1998 Final
29	Four; and
30	Whereas, Kay Yow had the distinction of becoming the first women's basketball
31	coach in the ACC to reach 650 career wins and one of six coaches in women's collegiate
32	basketball to compile a record of more than 700 wins; and
33	Whereas, on December 14, 2008, Kay Yow became one of three Division I coaches
34	to coach 1,000 games at the same school; and
35	Whereas, Kay Yow compiled an impressive collegiate career record of 737-344; and
36	Whereas, Kay Yow also made contributions as a coach on both the national and intermetional laugh, including carving as the head coach of the 1088 United States werean's
37	international levels, including serving as the head coach of the 1988 United States women's





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basketball team, which won the gold medal during the Olympics in Seoul, Korea, that year, and 1 2 an assistant coach for the gold-medal winning teams of the 1979 World University Games, the 3 1983 Pan American Games, and the 1984 Olympics; and 4 Whereas, Kay Yow was selected as the National Coach of the Year eight times and 5 received numerous honors and awards for her outstanding contributions to athletics; and 6 Whereas, Kay Yow was inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, the 7 North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame, the Elon College Sports Hall of Fame, the Fellowship of 8 Christian Athletes Hall of Fame, the East Carolina Sports Hall of Fame, and the Guilford 9 County Hall of Fame; and 10 Whereas, in 2002, Kay Yow was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball 11 Hall of Fame, becoming one of only five women to have achieved that high honor; and 12 Whereas, in 2007, NCSU dedicated the basketball court in Reynolds Coliseum as 13 "Kay Yow Court"; and 14 Whereas, in 2007, Kay Yow was awarded the inaugural Spirit of North Carolina 15 Award, now known as the Kay Yow Spirit of North Carolina Award, and was the State 16 Employees' Awards for Excellence recipient; and 17 Whereas, Kay Yow was not only a beloved coach, mentor, and teacher, but also a 18 role model to many whom she inspired during her courageous and public fight against cancer; 19 and 20 Whereas, Kay Yow helped establish the Jimmy V Women's Golf Classic and the 21 Kay Yow/WBCA Cancer Fund in partnership with the Jimmy V Foundation to benefit cancer 22 research; and 23 Whereas, Kay Yow was deeply devoted to her faith, serving as a member of Cary 24 Alliance Church in Cary, North Carolina; and 25 Whereas, Kay Yow died on January 24, 2009, at the age of 66; and 26 Whereas, Kay Yow is survived by her brother, Ronnie Yow; sisters, Deborah Ann 27 Yow and Susan Lee Yow; nephews, Jason Andrew Yow, Zachary Lee Yow, and James Dylan 28 Yow; and one great-niece, Isabelle Kay Yow; Now, therefore, 29 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring: 30 SECTION 1. The General Assembly honors the memory of Sandra Kay Yow and 31 expresses the appreciation of this State and its citizens for the contributions she made to 32 women's athletics and to the lives of people she touched. 33 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the family of 34 Sandra Kay Yow for the loss of a much loved family member. 35 The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this SECTION 3. 36 resolution to the family of Sandra Kay Yow, NCSU Athletic Director Lee Fowler, and NCSU 37 Chancellor Dr. James L. Oblinger. 38 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.