

Reps. Cheeks, Hardman, Stallworth, McConico, Waters, Hunter, Tobocman, Daniels, Woodward, Smith, Williams, Whitmer, Kolb, Rivet, Lipsey, Zelenko, Minore, Jammick, Dennis, Spade, Clack, Vagnozzi, Condino, Gaffney, Richardville, Sak and Reeves offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 283.**

A resolution congratulating the members and coaches of the Detroit Pistons upon the occasion of its 2004 NBA Championship.

Whereas, It is a pleasure to join with their fans, families, and all of Detroit in celebrating the achievements of the Detroit Pistons on its wonderful success over the season. With the fine record this team attained, which has culminated in an NBA Championship, this group of athletes has generated great pride throughout this state; and

Whereas, Much to the delight of their loyal fans, the Pistons have also earned the respect of professional basketball followers elsewhere in the country through their talent, teamwork, and determination. As opponents have found out all season long, this is a team that brings unity and a positive outlook to all levels of competition. In the face of challenge and pressure, this is a group of athletes who maintain their focus on making their dreams come true and accepting nothing less than their best effort; and

Whereas, It is with special pleasure we thank the General Manager, Mr. Joe Dumars, member of the back-to-back champion Detroit Pistons "Bad Boys" Team. Mr. Dumars had the vision and insight to create the 2004 Detroit Pistons Championship Team; and

Whereas, Winning titles or compiling outstanding seasons is never a fluke. While anything can happen in a single game, all teams show their true abilities and dedication over a long season or a difficult tournament. What distinguishes the best, however, is usually the effort that appears in practice, far removed from the excitement of game day. We admire the efforts, team spirit, and preparation of these talented athletes; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body congratulate the members and coaches of the Detroit Pistons upon the occasion of its 2004 NBA Championship. Clearly the Detroit Pistons understand the rewards of teamwork. The Detroit Pistons exemplify the meaning of "Kujichagulia," the second principle of Kwanza which means self-determination; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Detroit Pistons as a token of our esteem.