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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 28, 2011

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the unwavering leadership, commitment and
2 trailblazing accomplishments of Geno Auriemma, the head coach
3 of the University of Connecticut Huskies women's basketball
4 team who led the Huskies to an impressive record 90-game
5 winning streak.

6 WHEREAS, Geno Auriemma was born in 1952 and is a native of
7 Montella, Italy; and

8 WHEREAS, He and his family migrated to the United States and
9 settled in Norristown when Mr. Auriemma was seven years of age;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Upon his graduation from West Chester University,
12 Geno Auriemma began his career as an assistant coach at Saint
13 Joseph's University, then later accepted a coaching position at
14 the University of Virginia; and

15 WHEREAS, Prior to Geno Auriemma's appointment as head coach
16 of the Huskies in 1985, the team posted just one winning season
17 in its entire history; and

1 WHEREAS, Geno Auriemma has led the Huskies to seven National
2 Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I national
3 championships, 11 Final Four titles, four perfect seasons and 34
4 Big East titles; and

5 WHEREAS, Geno Auriemma was recognized for how he has
6 transformed the Huskies into a force to be reckoned with and in
7 2006 was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of
8 Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts, and the Women's Basketball
9 Hall of Fame in Knoxville, Tennessee; and

10 WHEREAS, Geno Auriemma is the first coach in women's
11 basketball history to lead a team to five consecutive Final Four
12 appearances; and

13 WHEREAS, He is a seven-time national coach of the year
14 honoree and has been named the Big East coach of the year on
15 nine occasions; and

16 WHEREAS, Geno Auriemma has been named as the head coach of
17 the United States National Team, which will compete in the 2012
18 Olympic Games in London, England; and

19 WHEREAS, Geno Auriemma has helped to cultivate and enrich the
20 lives of young women who were later named as All-American
21 players and continued on to earn Naismith College Player of the
22 Year awards, Wade Trophies and NCAA Basketball Tournament Most
23 Outstanding Player awards; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That in recognition of the tremendous impact and
25 trailblazing accomplishments of Geno Auriemma, the House of
26 Representatives extend its congratulations; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives extend its
28 appreciation to Geno Auriemma for the significant contributions
29 he has made to the lives of the young women under his tutelage.