

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representatives Matt Bradford and Mike Vereb

DATE: February 28, 2011

SUBJECT: Request for Co-Sponsorship

In the near future, I intend to introduce a resolution recognizing the unwavering leadership, commitment, and trailblazing accomplishments of Geno Auriemma. Mr. Auriemma is the head coach of the University of Connecticut Huskies women's basketball team, which recently broke a record of more than thirty years or consecutive winning games with an impressive streak of 90 games.

Geno Auriemma was born in 1952 and is a native of Montella, Italy. He and his family migrated to the United States and settled in Norristown, Pennsylvania when Mr. Auriemma was seven years old. Upon graduation from West Chester University of Pennsylvania, Mr. Auriemma began his career as an assistant coach at Saint Joseph's University then later accepted a coaching position at the University of Virginia.

Prior to Mr. Auriemma's appointment as head coach of the Huskies in 1985, the team posted just one winning season in their entire history. He has led the Huskies to seven National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I national championships, eleven Final Four titles, four perfect seasons, and thirty-four Big East titles. Mr. Auriemma was recognized for how he has transformed the Huskies into a force to be reckoned with and in 2006 was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame (Springfield, Massachusetts) and the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame (Knoxville, Tennessee).

Mr. Auriemma has been named as the head coach of the United States National Team which will compete in the 2012 Olympic Games in London. Additionally, he has made significant contributions to the lives of the young women under his tutelage. Please join me in co-sponsoring this resolution. You may contact Frank Iannuzzi in my Harrisburg office at Flannuzz@pahouse.net or at (717) 772-2572 (Democratic extension 6628). Thank you!