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H. RES. 310

Honoring the life of Coach Kay Yow in remembrance of her passing, and recognizing her dedication to the sport of basketball, her commitment to women and women's health, and her contributions to the State of North Carolina.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 31, 2009

Mr. SHULER (for himself, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. COBLE, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Ms. FOXX, Mr. JONES, Mr. KISSELL, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. MILLER of North Carolina, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, and Mr. WATT) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

RESOLUTION

Honoring the life of Coach Kay Yow in remembrance of her passing, and recognizing her dedication to the sport of basketball, her commitment to women and women's health, and her contributions to the State of North Carolina.

Whereas in 1975, Coach Kay Yow was hired at North Carolina State University as the head coach of women's basketball, women's softball, and women's volleyball, as well as the coordinator of women's sports;

Whereas, from 1975 to 2009, Coach Yow was head coach of the women's basketball team at North Carolina State University;

Whereas Coach Yow was a female leader amidst a mostly male coaching staff;

Whereas Coach Yow found immediate success as she completed her first season as head coach of the women's basketball team with a 19–7 record, and took her team to the Women's National Invitation Tournament;

Whereas Coach Yow coached some of the Nation's most well-known players, including WNBA All-Stars Andrea Stinson, Chasity Melvin (North Carolina State University's all-time leading scorer), Genia Beasley, and current assistant coach, Trena Trice-Hill;

Whereas Coach Yow served as an assistant coach of the United States women's basketball team on 4 gold medal-winning teams, including the 1984 Olympic team, the 1979 World University Games team, the 1983 Pan American Games team, and the 1984 R. Williams Jones Cup team;

Whereas Coach Yow served as head coach of the United States women's basketball team on 4 gold medal-winning teams, including the 1988 Olympic team, the 1981 World University Games team, the 1986 Goodwill Games team, and the 1986 World Championship Games team;

Whereas Coach Yow was also a part of the 1983 World Championship United States women's basketball team that earned a silver medal;

Whereas Coach Yow was the first coach to win 2 Olympic Gold Medals since women's basketball was added as an Olympic sport in 1976;

Whereas Coach Yow is 1 of 6 Division I women's head basketball coaches to achieve 700 career victories, and is 1 of 8 Olympic coaches chosen to lead the United States

women's basketball team in the pursuit of an Olympic Gold Medal;

Whereas in April 2008, Coach Yow received the Mildred "Babe" Zaharias Didrikson Courage Award from the United States Sports Academy, recognizing her achievements in the face of serious personal challenges;

Whereas Coach Yow missed 16 games during the North Carolina State University women's basketball team's 2007 season to receive treatment for cancer that was diagnosed in 1987;

Whereas upon her return as head coach of the team in 2007, she led the North Carolina State women's basketball team on an inspirational run to the Atlantic Coast Conference Championship game and to the Sweet 16 in the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament;

Whereas Coach Yow had a winning coaching career even as she faced a 22-year battle with breast cancer;

Whereas following her diagnosis, Coach Yow became an inspirational leader in the fight against cancer, and a strong advocate for raising awareness of breast cancer and expanding scientific research into cures for women's cancers;

Whereas the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA), of which Coach Yow was a past president and founding member, launched the Kay Yow/WBCA Cancer fund on December 3, 2007, to become part of finding an answer in the fight against women's cancers through raising money for scientific research, assisting the underserved, and unifying people for a common cause;

Whereas Coach Yow's battle with breast cancer has brought awareness of the disease to women across North Carolina and throughout the Nation;

Whereas, on January 24, 2009, cancer took the life of Coach Yow; and

Whereas throughout her life, Coach Yow sacrificed to continuously be a mentor and friend to her players and to help them to achieve their personal best: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives honors
2 the life of Coach Kay Yow in remembrance of her passing,
3 and recognizes her dedication to the sport of basketball,
4 her commitment to women and women's health, and her
5 contributions to the State of North Carolina.

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