2005 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 15

1	Relating to: congratulating and commending the University of
2	Wisconsin–Milwaukee Men's Basketball Team and Head Coach Bruce Pearl on
3	earning their 2nd NCAA Division I Tournament appearance.
4	Whereas, the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee Panthers, under the
5	direction of Head Coach Bruce Pearl, earned a spot in the NCAA Division I
6	Tournament for just the 2nd time in the 107-year history of the basketball program;
7	and
8	Whereas, the Panthers finished the regular season with a sparkling record of
9	24–5, claimed a first–place finish in the Horizon League, boasted the league's highest
10	scoring offense, and matched their best Division I winning percentage in school
11	history; and
12	Whereas, because of the leadership, work ethic, and ambition of the coaches,
13	players, and assistants, the Panthers' 24 total victories this season tied a school
14	record for wins in a single season; and

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1	Whereas, Bruce Pearl was named Horizon League Coach of the Year for the 2nd
2	time, becoming just the 3rd coach in league history to lead the same team to the
3	regular–season title, the Horizon League tournament title, and the automatic berth
4	to the NCAA tournament; and
5	Whereas, Coach Pearl's team adopted a "refuse to lose" attitude, thus avenging
6	this season's earlier home court loss to Detroit and last year's gut-wrenching home
7	court tournament championship game loss; and
8	Whereas, the spectacular last-second victory was earned over the Detroit
9	Titans before a nationally televised audience on ESPN, in front of 10,783 fans, the
10	largest home crowd ever to see a Panthers basketball game; and
11	Whereas, the fans of the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee Panthers will
12	break out their black and gold apparel and gather to cheer on the team as they
13	advance into the "Big Dance" for just the 2nd time in school history; now, therefore,
14	be it
15	Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the members of the
16	legislature of the state of Wisconsin commend and congratulate the 2004–05
17	University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee Men's Basketball Team and Head Coach Bruce
18	Pearl for their hard work and dedication in advancing men's basketball to one of its
19	highest levels ever, and share the pride of the citizens of the city of Milwaukee and
20	the state of Wisconsin in their team's achievement; and, be it further

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Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint
resolution to Head Coach Bruce Pearl, his staff, each member of the team, Chancellor
Carlos Santiago, and Athletic Director Bud Haidet.

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