2015 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 33

May 5, 2015 – Introduced by Representatives JACQUE, C. TAYLOR, BERCEAU, ALLEN, BALLWEG, BRANDTJEN, E. BROOKS, R. BROOKS, DANOU, EDMING, GANNON, GOYKE, HEATON, HEBL, HESSELBEIN, HINTZ, KAHL, KERKMAN, KLEEFISCH, KNODL, KREMER, KRUG, KUGLITSCH, T. LARSON, MASON, MILROY, MURPHY, MURSAU, MURTHA, OHNSTAD, A. OTT, PETRYK, RIPP, ROHRKASTE, SARGENT, SHANKLAND, SINICKI, SKOWRONSKI, SPIROS, SPREITZER, STEFFEN, SUBECK, SWARINGEN, TAUCHE, THIESFELDT, TITTL, TRANEL, VANDERMEER, VORPAGEL and ZAMARRIPA, cosponsored by Senators MARKLEIN, RISER, GUDEX, HANSEN, HARRIS DODD, HARDSFORD, C. LARSON, MILLER, NASS, OLSEN, L. TAYLOR, VINEHOUT, VUKMIR, WANGGAARD and WIRCH. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: congratulating the University of Wisconsin-Madison men’s basketball team on its 2014-15 basketball season, reaching the NCAA Final Four, and making it to the NCAA Championship Game.

Whereas, the University of Wisconsin Badgers set a school record of 36 wins against only 4 losses during the 2014-15 basketball season, winning the regular season Big Ten title and also winning the Big Ten Tournament title over Michigan State 80-69 in overtime and earned its 17th consecutive trip to the NCAA men’s basketball tournament; and

Whereas, the Badgers earned a number one seed in the 2015 NCAA basketball tournament and defeated Costal Carolina, Oregon, North Carolina, and Arizona and won the west region on their way to their second consecutive Final Four where they beat previously undefeated Kentucky, which gave the team its first National Championship game appearance since 1941; and
Whereas, Sam Dekker was named the Most Outstanding Player in the West Regional and joined Frank Kaminsky and Josh Gasser on the Regional All-Tournament team; and

Whereas, Frank Kaminsky was named the National Association of Basketball Coaches National Player of the Year, Associated Press College Basketball Player of the Year, the United States Basketball Writers Association College Player of the Year (Oscar Robertson Trophy), Naismith College Player of the Year, accepted the Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Center of the Year trophy, was the winner of the John R. Wooden Award in addition to earning consensus All-America and Big Ten Player of the Year honors, and was named the Most Outstanding Player of the Big Ten Tournament; Bo Ryan was named Big Ten Coach of the Year by his peers; Sam Dekker was named to the All-Big Ten second team; Nigel Hayes was named third team All-Big Ten and a member of the All-Big Ten Tournament Team; and Josh Gasser was named to the Big Ten All-Defensive Team; and

Whereas, the University of Wisconsin-Madison Badger men’s basketball team exemplifies the Vince Lombardi quote that “Individual commitment to a group effort—that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work,” and recognition must be given to every member of the team and coaching staff; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin legislature hereby commends and congratulates Jordan Smith, Zak Showalter, Matt Ferris, Aaron Moesch, Nigel Hayes, Jordan Hill, Traevon Jackson, Duje Dukan, Sam Dekker, T.J. Schlundt, Josh Gasser, Ethan Happ, Bronson Koenig, Vitto Brown, Riley Deerrinng, and Frank Kaminsky and coaches Bo Ryan, Greg Gard, Gary Close,
and Lamont Paris on reaching the 2015 NCAA Championship game; and, be it further

Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint resolution to Head Coach Bo Ryan, his staff, each member of the team, and Athletic Director Barry Alvarez.

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