

H. Res. 411

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

November 18, 2003.

Whereas John Wooden has been honored with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Nation's highest civilian award;

Whereas John Wooden was a successful amateur basketball player who led Martinsville High School of Martinsville, Indiana, to the 1927 Indiana State Championship and led Purdue University to the 1932 NCAA Men's Basketball Championship;

Whereas John Wooden, during 40 years of coaching, compiled an 905–205 (.815) record;

Whereas John Wooden coached the UCLA Bruins to 88 consecutive victories;

Whereas John Wooden coached the UCLA Bruins to 10 NCAA Men's Basketball Championships in 12 years;

Whereas since 1976 the Wooden Award has been presented annually to the most outstanding collegiate basketball player of the year and the nine All-American team members, as well as selected most valuable high school players;

Whereas John Wooden nurtured and inspired many of the greatest basketball players of all time who would be ex-

amples of sportsmanship, courtesy, and commitment and would go on to fame in their own right;

Whereas John Wooden is one of only two men enshrined in the Basketball Hall of Fame as both a player and a coach;

Whereas on December 20, 2003, the basketball court in Pauley Pavilion at UCLA will be named “The Nell and John Wooden Court”;

Whereas John Wooden is a respected author whose books on achieving success have inspired many to reach their goals and climb to the top of their professions; and

Whereas John Wooden developed the “Pyramid of Success”, a graphic representation of the ideals that form the basis of Wooden’s outlook on life and explain much of his success on and off the court: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) congratulates John Wooden for receiving well-deserved recognition through the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Nation’s highest civilian award, and the naming of the Pauley Pavilion basketball floor in his honor; and

(2) commends the unparalleled achievements and contributions of John Wooden in the fields of sports and education.

Attest:

Clerk.