

Reps. Richardville, Accavitti, Caswell, Clack, Emmons, Farhat, Farrah, Garfield, Gillard, Hunter, Julian, LaSata, Meyer, Minore, O'Neil, Acciavatti, Adamini, Anderson, Bieda, Bradstreet, Brown, Casperson, Caul, Condino, Dennis, DeRossett, Drolet, Elkins, Gaffney, Gielegheem, Gleason, Hager, Hood, Hopgood, Huizenga, Hune, Jamnick, Koetje, Kolb, Kooiman, LaJoy, Law, Lipsey, Meisner, Middaugh, Murphy, Nofs, Palmer, Palsrok, Pappageorge, Pastor, Phillips, Plakas, Pumford, Rocca, Sak, Shackleton, Shaffer, Sheltroun, Shulman, Smith, Spade, Stahl, Stakoe, Steil, Stewart, Tabor, Taub, Tobocman, Vagnozzi, Vander Veen, Voorhees, Walker, Wojno, Woronchak, Zelenko and Hardman offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 284.

A resolution honoring the Detroit Pistons on their NBA World Championship title.

Whereas, It is a great privilege and an honor to salute the 2003-2004 Detroit Pistons on their victorious season that culminated in their World Championship victory over the Los Angeles Lakers in the NBA Finals; and

Whereas, The Detroit Pistons of 2003-2004 were composed of Head Coach Larry Brown, who with a special significance became the first head coach ever to capture the NCAA and NBA championships, Assistant Coaches Herb Brown, Dave Hanners, Igor Kokoskov, John Kuester, Mike Woodson, Athletic Trainer Mike Abdenour, Players Chucky Atkins, Elden Campbell, Hubert Davis, Tremaine Fowlkes, Darvin Ham, Richard Hamilton, Lindsey Hunter, Mike James, Darko Milicic, Mehmet Okur, Tayshaun Prince, Zeljko Rebraca, Bob Sura, Ben Wallace, Rasheed Wallace, Corliss Williamson, and NBA finals MVP Chauncey Billups. The president of the team is Joe Dumars and the owner is William Davidson; and

Whereas, In the course of the 2003-2004 season the Detroit Pistons compiled a record of 54 wins and 28 losses, possessing the second highest win total in the Eastern Conference. In the quarterfinals of the NBA playoffs, they defeated the Milwaukee Bucks four games to one. Advancing the semifinal round, they met their old nemesis the New Jersey Nets who had denied them a berth in the NBA finals the year before. In a grueling seven game series, the Pistons emerged triumphant in the decisive game to advance to the Eastern Conference Finals. The Pistons went on to defeat the team that claimed the Central Division Title that year, the Indiana Pacers in a six game series. For the first time since their back-to-back championship seasons of 1988-1989 and 1989-1990, the Detroit Pistons had advanced to the NBA finals and faced the Los Angeles Lakers who had claimed three straight championships from 2000 to 2002. The Lakers were prohibitive favorites to win their fourth title in five seasons but the Pistons did not back down from the challenge and stunned the home team by winning the first game of the series in Los Angeles. The Pistons came up short in a game two matchup that was decided in overtime and returned to Auburn Hills to host the next three games. The Pistons never looked back to their disappointing loss in game two and rallied back to take games three and four at home. In game five, the Pistons had the opportunity to close the season at home and were triumphant by defeating the Los Angeles Lakers decisively 100-87 to become the first team since the present playoff format was implemented to win the middle three games of the series and claimed their first World Championship title since 1990; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members this legislative body honor the players, coaching staff, and management of the 2003-2004 Detroit Pistons basketball team in recognition of their outstanding season.