

Reps. Cheeks, Hood, Williams, Farrah, Jones, Hunter, Gaffney, Virgil Smith, Sak, Murphy, Kolb, Lemmons, Jr., Tobocman and Lemmons, III offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 308.

A resolution honoring the Detroit Shock Basketball Team and Head Coach Bill Laimbeer upon winning their second Women's National Basketball Association Championship.

Whereas, The Detroit Shock are among the WNBA elite. They defeated their rivals the Connecticut Suns and the Indiana Fever to win the Eastern Conference Championship. The Detroit Shock had the most talented starting line-up in the league, with each player having appeared in an All-Star game. Their play was based on teamwork, citizenship, dedication, and unselfishness; and

Whereas, A WNBA sellout crowd of 19,571 in Detroit's prestigious Joe Louis Arena, named after another legend, saw the Shock defeat the 2005 defending champion Sacramento Monarchs by a score of 80-75 in the final game of the finals; and

Whereas, Detroit Shock Head Coach Bill Laimbeer led the Shock to a league-best 23-11 record this season. We worked tirelessly to instill energy and enthusiasm in the team; and

Whereas, Shock forward Cheryl Ford was selected WNBA Peak Performer. Ms. Ford averaged 11.3 rebounds per game and has become the WNBA's all-time single-season rebounding leader with 363 boards in 32 games played; and

Whereas, Guard Deanna Nolan, a Flint native, averaged 18 points, including 24 points in game 5. She was named Most Valuable Player of the Finals; and

Whereas, Deanna Nolan, Katie Smith, and Cheryl Ford represented the Shock at the WNBA All-Star Game in July as a trio; and

Whereas, Coach Laimbeer's leadership, vision, and integrity have earned him widespread acclaim and our deepest appreciation for leading the team to the title; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body honor and commend the Detroit Shock players, Coach Bill Laimbeer, staff, and Detroit Shock management for their memorable accomplishment in winning their second Women's National Basketball Association Championship in three games. We sincerely wish them continued success in all endeavors; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Detroit Shock organization as a token of our esteem.