

Reps. Gonzales, Brandenburg, Clack, Condino, Constan, Dean, Hammel, Hammon, Hansen, Hopgood, Johnson, Robert Jones, LaJoy, LeBlanc, Leland, Melton, Miller, Nitz, Palmer, Pastor, Polidori, Sak, Shaffer, Sheltroun, Alma Smith, Spade, Tobocman, Vagnozzi and Valentine offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 324.

A resolution to recognize and honor the Michigan inductees into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame Class of 2008.

Whereas, Three of the seven inductees in the Class of 2008, Bill Davidson, Dick Vitale and Adrian Dantley, have a strong resume for honor, strong ties to the Detroit Pistons and have made lasting contributions in Michigan basketball; and

Whereas, Bill Davidson has been the owner of the Detroit Pistons for three-plus decades in addition to owning the Women's National Basketball Association's Detroit Shock. He is also known for his work on the NBA's board of governors and his groundbreaking contributions, including his private funding of The Palace of Auburn Hills; and

Whereas, Dick Vitale coached the Detroit Pistons in 1978-79 and for the first 12 games of the following season. He is best known for his work as an ESPN commentator; and

Whereas, Adrian Dantley spent 2 1/2 seasons as a player with the Detroit Pistons in the 1980s before being traded to Dallas during the 1988-89 championship season; and

Whereas, To be elected to the Hall of Fame, a finalist needs 18 of 24 votes from the Honors Committee; and

Whereas, The seven honorees will be inducted into the Hall of Fame on September 5, 2008 in Springfield, Massachusetts; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body recognize and honor the Michigan inductees into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame Class of 2008, and we encourage all citizens to recognize and applaud the many contributions made by these individuals to enhance the quality of life in this state.