

Reps. Gonzales, Ball, Bieda, Constan, Cushingberry, Dean, Elsenheimer, Espinoza, Farrah, Green, Hammel, Hammon, Hansen, Hopgood, Johnson, Rick Jones, Robert Jones, LeBlanc, Lemmons, Marleau, Mayes, McDowell, Nitz, Pastor, Polidori, Proos, Sak, Sheltrown, Alma Smith, Spade, Stakoe, Tobocman, Vagnozzi, Valentine and Wojno offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 62.**

A resolution recognizing and congratulating the 2007 Mott Community College (MCC) men's basketball team for winning the NJCAA Division II National Championship.

Whereas, It is a great privilege and honor to join with family and friends, Mott Community College, Genesee County, and the state of Michigan as we celebrate the outstanding achievement and amazing win of the Mott Community College men's basketball team; and

Whereas, Much to the delight of their loyal fans, the MCC Bears, under the leadership of Coach Steve Schmidt, have earned the respect of college sports followers through their talent, teamwork, and determination with a 75-61 win in the NJCAA Division II National Championship; and

Whereas, It is the second national championship for the Mott Bears in the last five years. The Bears won its first national championship in 2003 and was runner-up in 2001 and 2004. Mott Community College is home to the only junior college basketball program in the country to have played in four title games; and

Whereas, Winning titles and compiling outstanding seasons is never a matter of chance, it is something that is earned through hard work. All teams show their true abilities and dedication over a long season, but what distinguishes the best, is the effort that appears in practice, far removed from the excitement of game day; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body recognize and congratulate the 2007 Mott Community College men's basketball team and Coach Steve Schmidt on winning the NJCAA Division II National Championship. We admire the determination, dedication, team spirit, and hard work of these talented young people. This group of student-athletes has generated great pride throughout our state.