

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Coach Rick Pitino and his assistants the team has been successful in capturing the hearts of Kentuckians all across the state, and UK fans everywhere, and

WHEREAS, the UK Wildcats captured the Southeastern Conference tourney championship and the Southeast Region Championship of the NCAA, reaching the NCAA Final Four, and

WHEREAS, the University of Kentucky Wildcats, through their talent, grit and determination have brought a fantastic amount of pride and national attention to their University,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees officially gives its highest commendation and registers its greatest appreciation to Coach Rick Pitino, his staff, and the University of Kentucky Wildcats for the wonderful job they have done this past year and for the honors they have bestowed on their University. This Board, and the citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, shall be forever grateful to the 1992-93 team for its special achievements and accomplishments.

Mr. Wilhoit moved adoption of the Resolution. Mr. Wilcoxson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Sims said that she had attended every game and praised the athletics staff and players for having brought good attention to the University. She stated that these young men were a good model for other young men who observe their behavior on and off the court.

Mr. Clay acknowledged the leadership of the Athletics Director, Mr. Newton, and praised him for the environment and tone which he has established. He asked that the Minutes reflect Mr. Newton's efforts as well.

Governor Breathitt agreed that the Athletics Director, the Athletics Department, and all of the teams that have represented the University have displayed fine leadership and brought credit to the University. He said that the caliber of the student-athletes is a reflection of the support of the president, the administration and the athletics representatives.

Mr. Rose recognized the contributions of the Athletics Department to academics. He said that athletics had contributed approximately \$6 million over the past several years to academics and that it is remarkable and wonderful that the University's Athletics Department can do this.

Mr. Newton was asked to stand and be recognized, following which he received a round of applause.

President Wethington added that Mr. Newton and his leadership role in athletics have been a major factor in the kind of exemplary program at the University. He noted that it is a broad-based program and one that is getting good recognition all across the country. He said that this begins with the oversight of