

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 411

Expressing the sense of the House that John Wooden should be honored
for his contributions to sports and education.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 21, 2003

Mr. LEWIS of California submitted the following resolution; which was
referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House that John Wooden should
be honored for his contributions to sports and education.

Whereas John Wooden has been honored with the Presi-
dential Medal of Freedom, the Nation's highest civilian
award;

Whereas John Wooden was a successful amateur basketball
player who led Martinsville High School of Martinsville,
Indiana, to the 1927 Indiana State Championship and
led Purdue University to the 1932 NCAA Men's Basket-
ball Championship;

Whereas John Wooden, during 40 years of coaching, com-
piled an 885–203 (.813) record;

Whereas John Wooden coached the UCLA Bruins to 88 con-
secutive victories;

Whereas John Wooden coached the UCLA Bruins to 10 NCAA Men’s Basketball Championships in 12 years;

Whereas since 1976 the Wooden Award has been presented annually to the most outstanding collegiate basketball player of the year and the nine All-American team members, as well as selected most valuable high school players;

Whereas John Wooden nurtured and inspired many of the greatest basketball players of all time who would be examples of sportsmanship, courtesy, and commitment and would go on to fame in their own right;

Whereas John Wooden is one of only two men enshrined in the Basketball Hall of Fame as both a player and a coach;

Whereas on December 20, 2003, the basketball court in Pauley Pavilion at UCLA will be named “The Nell and John Wooden Court”;

Whereas John Wooden is a respected author whose books on achieving success have inspired many to reach their goals and climb to the top of their professions; and

Whereas John Wooden developed the “Pyramid of Success”, a graphic representation of the ideals that form the basis of Wooden’s outlook on life and explain much of his success on and off the court: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) congratulates John Wooden for receiving
- 3 well-deserved recognition through the Presidential
- 4 Medal of Freedom, the Nation’s highest civilian

1 award, and the naming of the Pauley Pavilion bas-
2 ketball floor in his honor; and

3 (2) commends the unparalleled achievements
4 and contributions of John Wooden in the fields of
5 sports and education.

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