

AN HONARY RESOLUTION OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF
NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY, HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, KENTUCKY,
RECOGNIZING COACH JOHN BRANNEN AND THE MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM ON
THEIR HISTORIC ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE 2016-2017 SEASON

WHEREAS: The 2016-2017 season was the first year the Northern Kentucky Men's Basketball team had completed their transition period and were tournament eligible for full participation in NCAA Division One Athletics, and

WHEREAS: In the past, attendance at basketball games and school spirit has been low. However this was not the case during the NKU's run towards the NCAA tournament, including its Horizon League Tournament and NCAA Tournament games, and

WHEREAS: On March 7th, 2017 NKU defeated The University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, 59-53, earning their first ever automatic bid into the NCAA Tournament, and

WHEREAS: John Brannen has been NKU's Head Coach since 2015. In his 2015-2016 season as NKU Head Coach the team finished with a record of 9-21 and in the 2016-2017 season the team was able to finish with a record of 24-10 and won the Horizon League Tournament making NKU's season the second biggest turnaround in Division One this season, and

WHEREAS: Brannen said before the Tournament began that NKU wasn't looking beyond the game in front of it and that the opportunity to play in the post-season would be a "good next step" for the program in its first year of eligibility, and

WHEREAS: As a result of their remarkable turnaround from last year's season, Coach Brannen was awarded with the 2016-2017 Horizon League Men's Basketball Coach of the Year by his fellow Horizon League Coaches, and

WHEREAS: Sophomore, Drew McDonald, was selected to be 1st team All Horizon League, freshman, Carson Williams made the Horizon League All-Freshman Team and Junior, Lavone Holland II was awarded with the Horizon League Tournament's Most Valuable Player award

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, ON THIS SEVENTEENTH DAY OF APRIL 2017 THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY RECOGNIZING COACH JOHN BRANNEN AND THE MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM ON THEIR HISTORIC ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE 2016-2017 SEASON

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John William Weber, President