

By Senator Lawson

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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing FSU Head Coach Leonard
3 Hamilton's selection as ACC Men's Basketball Coach of
4 the Year and *Basketball Times'* National Men's
5 Basketball Coach of the Year for 2009 and commending
6 his community leadership.

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8 WHEREAS, Coach Leonard Hamilton has served as head men's
9 basketball coach at Florida State University for 7 seasons, and
10 he has played an active and vital role in coaching and mentoring
11 young men and boys in the state of Florida throughout his
12 tenure, and

13 WHEREAS, Coach Leonard Hamilton is one of the top 25 all-
14 time most winning coaches in Atlantic Coast Conference history,
15 leading the Florida State men's basketball program to three
16 consecutive postseason appearances as he continues to cement the
17 Seminoles as one of the top basketball programs in the nation,
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Coach Hamilton annually attracts the nation's top
20 talent to the State of Florida, including two of the only three
21 players in FSU history to earn All-ACC honors, and

22 WHEREAS, Coach Hamilton helps his players reach their goals
23 both on and off the court, with 17 of 20 seniors earning their
24 degrees during his tenure at FSU, and

25 WHEREAS, prior to joining the Seminoles, Leonard Hamilton
26 had already twice earned the distinction of being named Big East
27 Conference Coach of the year and United Press International
28 National Coach of the Year, and had coached many young men to
29 all-conference standings, and

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30 WHEREAS, in 2009 Coach Hamilton led the Florida State men's
31 basketball team to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since
32 1998 and to the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament
33 championship game for the first time in school history, and has
34 been named ACC 2009 Coach of the Year and *Basketball Times'* 2009
35 National Coach of the Year, NOW, THEREFORE,

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37 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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39 That the Senate commends Coach Leonard Hamilton for his
40 outstanding leadership as FSU head basketball coach, mentor, and
41 community servant, and congratulates him on his contributions to
42 Florida State University, the Tallahassee community, and the
43 State of Florida.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with
45 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Coach Leonard
46 Hamilton as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida
47 Senate.