

ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE STUDENT UNION

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**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING MUFFET MCGRAW FOR
HER UNPARALLELED LEADERSHIP DURING HER TENURE AS THE HEAD
COACH OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
PROGRAM**

Whereas, Muffet McGraw recently announced her retirement from her role as the Karen and Kevin Keyes Family Head Women's Basketball Coach for the University of Notre Dame on April 22nd, 2020.

Whereas, Muffet's tenure as Notre Dame's head Women's Basketball coach spanned thirty-three seasons, in which she posted a .771 game win percentage and led Notre Dame to 848 wins, the most victories for any Notre Dame coach in the University's lengthy history.

Whereas, Muffet led Notre Dame Women's Basketball to sixteen regular season conference titles, eleven postseason conference tournament championship victories, twenty-six NCAA Division I Tournament appearances, nine NCAA Division I Final Four appearances, seven NCAA Division I National Championships (six of which have occurred in that last ten years), and two National Championship victories in 2001 and 2018.

Whereas, Muffet exceptionally coached and led countless athletes during her time at Notre Dame, including, but certainly not just, twenty-two All-Americans, twenty future WNBA professionals, two Olympians, and one Women's Basketball Hall of Famer.

Whereas, Muffet's career as a women's college basketball coach spanned thirty-eight seasons, leading to 936 career wins (ranking her sixth in total victories for any college basketball coach ever), a career .762 win percentage, three consensus selections as National Coach of the Year (2001, 2013, and 2014), and an enshrinement into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in September 2017.

Whereas, Muffet established herself as a servant leader in her community in a number of ways, such as by being the co-chair and public face of an annual golf fundraiser for Run Jane Run, raising more than a million dollars for the YWCA, and most recently, donating and distributing food at local food banks during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Whereas, Muffet's leadership and commitment to bettering others and being a force for good in the world transcended her role as a coach on the court through her advocacy for women's equality and equal rights.

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Whereas, Muffet inspired generations of young women to pursue their passion for sport; at a time when half of female athletes quit sports by age seventeen, and of those, forty-six percent say they didn't see a future in sports for themselves, Muffet reminds us all of the power that athletics has in shaping character, invoking greatness, and positively changing a community forever.

***Resolved*, the Student Senate of the University of Notre Dame du Lac, on behalf of the entire Student Body and the Notre Dame family, recognizes, humbly thanks, and applauds Muffet McGraw for her tireless leadership, her dedication to consistency and excellence, and her devotion to living out the spirit of Notre Dame in all of her endeavors as the Head Women's Basketball Coach, as a member of the Fighting Irish community, and as an outstanding member of our society.**

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