

1 State of Arkansas  
2 94th General Assembly  
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HR 1038

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5 By: Representative Haak  
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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 CONGRATULATING JOHN BROWN UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S  
9 BASKETBALL HEAD COACH JEFF SODERQUIST UPON HIS  
10 RETIREMENT AND COMMENDING HIM FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS  
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23 WHEREAS, after twenty-seven (27) seasons leading the John Brown  
24 University women's basketball program, Head Coach Jeff Soderquist announced  
25 his retirement on March 26, 2024, in the wake of a record-shattering season  
26 that saw the John Brown University Golden Eagles secure a pair of league  
27 titles and qualify for the NAIA National Championships; and  
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29 WHEREAS, Head Coach Jeff Soderquist arrived at John Brown University as  
30 a student-athlete in 1988 and continued with John Brown University as the  
31 Assistant Director of Athletics and Head Coach of the women's basketball  
32 program for the next thirty-six (36) years; and  
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34 WHEREAS, in his years as head coach, Jeff Soderquist:

35 (1) Amassed a program-record four hundred twenty-four (424)  
36 wins;



1           (2) Led the John Brown University Golden Eagles to seven (7)  
2 NAIA National Championships;

3           (3) Led the John Brown University Golden Eagles to a national  
4 semifinal finish in 2014; and

5           (4) Led the John Brown University Golden Eagles through seven  
6 (7) 20-win seasons; and

7           WHEREAS, as the most successful coach in program history, Head Coach  
8 Jeff Soderquist orchestrated an incredible final season that produced not  
9 only his second-career Sooner Athletic Coach distinction, but also a bevy of  
10 program defining moments including the most wins in a single season and the  
11 longest winning streak; and

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13           WHEREAS, John Brown University hoisted three (3) new banners in the  
14 2023-2024 season:

15           (1) Winning the league's regular season title;

16           (2) Securing the program's first tournament crown; and

17           (3) Making another appearance in the NAIA National  
18 Championships; and

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20           WHEREAS, over the last two (2) seasons, John Brown University compiled  
21 a 50-14 record and a 36-8 mark in league play; and

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23           WHEREAS, the John Brown University women's basketball team finished 13-  
24 1 in Siloam Springs this past season, setting a new single-season record with  
25 a home winning percentage of point nine hundred and twenty-nine (.929); and

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27           WHEREAS, during his tenure, Head Coach Jeff Soderquist's players  
28 combined to garner thirty-eight (38) All-Sooner Athletic honors including  
29 nine (9) first team selections, four (4) SAC Freshmen of the Year picks, and  
30 one (1) league Player of the Year nod; and

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32           WHEREAS, Head Coach Jeff Soderquist has deeply impacted his student-  
33 athletes and the John Brown University community,

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35 NOW THEREFORE,

36 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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3 THAT the House of Representatives congratulate John Brown University  
4 Women's Head Coach Jeff Soderquist upon his retirement and commend him for  
5 his contributions to the John Brown University basketball program.

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7 BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption, a copy of this resolution shall be  
8 provided to Head Coach Jeff Soderquist by the Chief Clerk of the House of  
9 Representatives.

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