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BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
County of Cook and State of Illinois

RESOLUTION

COMMENDATION IN MEMORY OF WILLIE LITTLE

WHEREAS, Willie Little served as Head Coach of the Kennedy-King College Men's Basketball Team from 1989 - 2002; and

WHEREAS, Coach Willie Little developed successful nationally ranked basketball program at Kennedy-King College boasting nine, twenty-plus win seasons and an overall record of two hundred wins that earned three National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Regional IV Titles, one NJCAA State Title, a fourth place National NJCAA Title; and

WHEREAS, his outstanding coaching record earned him three Region IV Coach of the Year Awards, one State and one National Coach of the Year Award, and induction into the Illinois Hall of Fame in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Coach Willie Little extended the reach of Kennedy-King College's presence within the greater Chicago Athletic Community by coordinating and hosting an Annual High School Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament, Chicago Public Schools Summer Basketball Camps (serving 200 high school annually) eight JUCO Summer League, Region IV Jamborees and most recently a Region IV Sophomore Showcase; and

WHEREAS, Coach Willie Little marshaled resources for his team by enlisting the support of volunteers, faculty, staff and students to enhance the success of his program; and

WHEREAS, Coach Willie Little dearly loved and demonstrated enduring concern for his players, developed talent, and gave educational opportunities to numerous students through athletics, guided team members to Associate Degrees at Kennedy-King College, was instrumental in sending seventy-five players to four year colleges with full scholarships, and had several players attain places in the professional ranks of basketball; and

WHEREAS, Coach Willie Little has endowed Kennedy-King College with a legacy of excellence, predicated on his example of caring, courage, character and commitment in the face of daunting physical challenges, and always exhibited the qualities of a genuine "Statesmen."

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVE, that Kennedy-King College is fortunate to have had him as a member of our family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that on this 7th day of February, 2002, Kennedy-King College honors the memory of Coach Willie and his legacy of excellence by continuing the tradition he has established.

February 7, 2002

