

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas desires to manifest publicly and enduringly its profound esteem for Coach Nolan Richardson, and its deep appreciation for Coach Richardson's many and varied contributions to the University of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby recognizes Coach Richardson for his 17 years as head men's basketball coach at the University of Arkansas, in which he led the Razorbacks to a record of 389-169, including a school record 389 victories and a .697 winning percentage; and

WHEREAS, the Board also recognizes Coach Richardson led the Razorbacks to 13 NCAA Tournaments including six Sweet 16 appearances (1990, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996), four Elite Eights (1990, 1991, 1994, 1995), three Final Fours (1990, 1994, 1995) a national runner-up finish (1995) and the 1994 NCAA Championship, the first in school history; and

WHEREAS, the Board further recognizes Coach Richardson led Arkansas to five conference championships including three in the Southwest Conference (1988-89, 1989-90, 1990-91) along with SWC tournament championships in the same seasons; two Southeastern Conference championships (1991-92, 1993-94), an SEC Western Division title (1994-95), and three trips to the SEC tournament championship including an SEC tournament title in 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges Coach Richardson's 22 combined years as a head coach at the collegiate level, including at Western Texas Junior College, the University of Tulsa and the University of Arkansas, compiling an impressive 508-206 (.711) record and becoming the only head coach in college basketball history to win a National Junior College Championship, NIT Championship and NCAA Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Board also acknowledges that Coach Richardson was elected to the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame in 2008, the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2014, the University of Arkansas Sports Hall of Honor in 1996, the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame in 1998 and was honored with a banner in Bud Walton Arena in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Board further acknowledges Coach Richardson for his many contributions as a trailblazer, including serving as the first African-American head coach of a men's program in the Southwest Conference and one of the first African-American head coaches at a major university in the south;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the University formally expresses its high regard for and lasting gratitude to Coach Nolan Richardson for his exemplary contributions to the University of Arkansas and the state of Arkansas by naming the Bud Walton Arena competition floor **Nolan Richardson Court**. With this naming, we honor Coach Nolan Richardson for his extraordinary contributions to the University of Arkansas, the entire state of Arkansas and our nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Secretary of the Board is instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to Coach Nolan Richardson as an expression of the Board's gratitude.

