

Reps. Casperson, Kooiman, Brown, Adamini, Accavitti, Byrnes, Elsenheimer, Emmons, Espinoza, Farrah, Gleason, Hansen, Hoogendyk, LaJoy, Lipsey, Marleau, McDowell, Miller, Robertson, Sak, Shaffer, Sheltroun, Alma Smith, Virgil Smith, Tobocman, Zelenko and Farhat offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 170.

A resolution acknowledging the character, capability, and commitment of Steve Mariucci.

Whereas, Steve Mariucci is a native of this great State; and

Whereas, Steve Mariucci and his boyhood best friend, Michigan State Basketball Coach Tom Izzo, are the favored sons of Iron Mountain and the Upper Peninsula; and

Whereas, Steve Mariucci, a three time collegiate All-American, was a winner his entire life. Beginning with his meteoric rise at Northern Michigan University (NMU), where he quarterbacked a program to one of the most remarkable improvements in the history of college football. He helped turn around a team that struggled to a 0-10 record in 1974, only to go on the following season to a 13-1 record. Mariucci was inserted as the starting quarterback and helped NMU win its first, and only, Division II National Football Title; and

Whereas, Steve Mariucci first served notice of his extraordinary abilities on the National Football League in Title Town under the legendary shadow of Lambeau and Lombardi, where he served as the Quarterbacks Coach from 1992 through 1995. He transformed a young, and unknown quarterback, Brett Favre, into a certain Hall of Fame entrant; and

Whereas, Steve Mariucci's NFL head coaching career was launched in 1997 when he took over the reigns of another historic NFL franchise, the San Francisco 49'ers. There he enjoyed one of the greatest rookie seasons ever for a coach, finishing 13-3. This included an eleven game winning streak, which is an NFL record for the longest winning streak by a rookie head coach; and

Whereas, Steve Mariucci's winning ways are evidence by the success he enjoyed in San Francisco, which included four playoff appearances and two Divisional titles; and

Whereas, Despite the difficult times with the Detroit Lions, Steve Mariucci still enjoys an overall winning record in the parity driven NFL following eight seasons as a head coach; and

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body acknowledged the character, capability, and commitment of Steve Mariucci, a favored son of Iron Mountain, the Upper Peninsula, and our entire state.