

IN THE SENATE

SENATE PROCLAMATION NO. 104

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A PROCLAMATION

1
2 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING THE
3 COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM AND ITS COACHES FOR
4 THEIR GREAT ACHIEVEMENT IN WINNING THE COLLEGE'S THIRD NJCAA MEN'S BAS-
5 KETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP AND FOR THEIR INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS.

6 We, the members of the Senate of the State of Idaho assembled in the
7 First Regular Session of the Sixty-first Idaho Legislature, do hereby pro-
8 claim:

9 WHEREAS, the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team is com-
10 prised of highly talented athletes who also excel in the classroom and serve
11 as role models for sportsmanship; and

12 WHEREAS, the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team, the
13 Golden Eagles, claimed its third National Junior College Athletic Associa-
14 tion (NJCAA) national championship on March 19, 2011, in Hutchinson, Kansas,
15 with a 72-64 victory over Midland College, completing an impressive 34-4
16 season; and

17 WHEREAS, the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team has won two
18 previous NJCAA basketball championships in 1976 and 1987; and

19 WHEREAS, Steve Gosar, the head coach of the College of Southern Idaho
20 men's basketball team, was named NJCAA Coach of the Tournament; and

21 WHEREAS, Pierre Jackson, a sophomore guard for the Golden Eagles, was
22 named the NJCAA tournament's most valuable player; and

23 WHEREAS, the Golden Eagles' freshman guard Mitch Bruneel and sophomore
24 center Kenny Buckner were named to the all-tournament team; and

25 WHEREAS, the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team is com-
26 posed of a group of athletes, including four from Idaho (Jon Pulsifer of
27 Twin Falls, Ben Van Lith and Mitch Bruneel of Eagle and Dennis Mikelonis of
28 Boise), as well as athletes from as far away as Brazil, Serbia and Australia;
29 and

30 WHEREAS, the combined grade point average of this outstanding group of
31 athletes is 2.97; and

32 WHEREAS, the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team and its
33 dedicated coaches are an inspiration to all Idahoans and represent the high-
34 est ideals of the College of Southern Idaho and the NJCAA.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the members of the Senate assembled
36 in the First Regular Session of the Sixty-first Idaho Legislature, that we
37 recognize and congratulate the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball
38 team and its coaches for their great achievement in winning the college's
39 third NJCAA men's basketball championship and for their individual achieve-
40 ments.