

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. 12-0262

Congratulating the Denver Christian High School Boys Basketball Team for its Class 2A State Championship Season and the Retirement of Coach Dick Katte, the Winning-est Coach in Colorado High School Basketball History

WHEREAS, Denver Christian High School recently won the class 2A state championship in boys basketball for the 2011-12 school year as members of the Colorado High School Activities Association; and

WHEREAS, the team was led to victory by Crusader team members Austin Hart, Riley Herren, Connor Kroshus, Austin LeFebre, Chris Pranger, Alex Terpstra, Rafael Luna, Mason Hofer, Jared VanDyke, Forrest Sanderson, Robert Parker, Tate Kastens, and Josh Carter; assistant coaches Andy Draayer, Steve Herrema, and Jeff Maines; and

WHEREAS, the team was coached to victory by legendary coach Dick Katte who is retiring this year after a remarkable half-century career at Denver Christian with 876 victories – by far the highest win total in Colorado High School basketball history – and has led Denver Christian to eight state championships, five second-place finishes, and thirty total appearances in the state basketball tournament; and

WHEREAS, Coach Katte is already a member of the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame, CHSAA Hall of Fame, Colorado High School Coaches Hall of Fame, National Federation of High School Activities Associations Hall of Fame, and the National High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame, but leaves behind the most important legacy of all: a basketball program distinguished not just by excellence but also by integrity and sportsmanship – no Denver Christian High School basketball player in memory has been charged with a misconduct foul.

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That the Council hereby congratulates Coach Katte and his team for their impressive accomplishments for the 2011-12 season.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that copies be transmitted to the Denver Christian coaches and players.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL April 2, 2012

PRESIDENT