Washington, Mar 25 - U.S. Congressman Mike Pence released the following statement this morning, congratulating the Ball State

Congressman Pence on the floor of the U.S. House on March 25, 2009

University women's basketball team on a successful season:

"I want to congratulate Kelly Packard and her team on a hugely successful and historic season. Although yesterday's loss to Iowa State was disappointing, it should not diminish the Cardinals' remarkable and record-breaking year.

"The list of accomplishments for Coach Packard's first year at the helm is notable: a 26-win season, a MAC title, and an NCAA berth-not to mention the thrilling upset of defending champion Tennessee. What this team did this season is nothing short of amazing, although given the quality of Ball State's student-athletes, not surprising.

"Again, I applaud the BSU women's basketball team on the incredible strides made this year and look forward to more great basketball in years to come."