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### **Aquajet Coaches and Swimmers Honored by State Rep Erik Paulsen**

**Eden Prairie, MN** - On October 16<sup>th</sup>, Minnesota State Representative Erik Paulsen visited the Aquajet Aquatic Center in Eden Prairie to present a Minnesota House of Representatives resolution honoring the Aquajet Swim Team Coaches. The house resolution congratulates the Aquajet Coaches for being named the 2007 Age Group Coaches of the Year in Minnesota Swimming. Head Coach Kate Lundsten accepted the award from State Representative Erik Paulsen along with her coaching staff – Sue Sathre, Philip Nielsen, Kelly Boston, Shauna Riggs and Jodi Preus. "It was a great honor to be named the 2007 Age Group Coaches of the Year, especially since we were selected by the other Minnesota coaches", said Lundsten, "and when Representative Paulsen told us he was presenting us with a State of Minnesota house resolution congratulating our coaches, I couldn't believe it."

The Aquajet honors didn't stop with the coaches. Representative Paulsen presented additional house resolutions congratulating individual Aquajet swimmers for their successes at the USA Swimming Central Zone Championships held in Topeka, Kansas in August. Olivia Anderson, Bre Thorne, Kurt Youngdahl, Taylor Foster, Rachel Bootsma and Van Donkersgoed were presented with house resolutions honoring each swimmer's first place finish in individual events at the five-state Central Zone event. In addition, Van Donkersgoed set a new USA Swimming Central Zone record in the 200 breaststroke. "It was an awesome performance by the Aquajet Team in Topeka," said Lundsten. Preston Youngdahl was also presented with a house resolution by Representative Paulsen

congratulating him on being named a Scholastic All-American by USA Swimming. To be named a Scholastic All-American, Preston achieved a national qualifying time and maintained a high school GPA of 3.5 or higher.



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