

## As Adopted by the Senate

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**Senators Hackett, Hughes**

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### A RESOLUTION

Honoring the Wittenberg University women's softball team  
on winning the 2016 North Coast Athletic Conference  
Championship.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 131st General  
Assembly of Ohio are pleased to commend the Wittenberg University  
women's softball team on securing the 2016 North Coast Athletic  
Conference Championship title; and

WHEREAS, Each member of the Wittenberg University women's  
softball team is an excellent athlete, and Coach Laura Matthews  
has demonstrated remarkable energy, enthusiasm, and dedication in  
guiding this squad to victory. This season, the Tigers bested the  
team from DePauw University by a score of 12-3 to win the North  
Coast Athletic Conference Championship for the second time in  
school history, advanced to the NCAA Division III Regional  
competition, and accumulated a 32-9-1 overall record. The  
unwavering commitment of the members and their coach has earned  
them these prestigious distinctions, and they are certainly  
deserving of high praise; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Wittenberg University women's  
softball team have established themselves as a truly exceptional  
squad, and they have emerged as winners both in and out of  
athletic competition. Laura Matthews' skill as a coach is  
reflected in their outstanding success, and due largely to her  
tireless efforts, she has earned the respect and admiration of all  
who know her; and

WHEREAS, In an educational system that seeks to teach the  
future leaders of our state and nation the fundamentals of self-  
reliance and the rewards of individual and group effort, athletic

competition has become a valuable educational tool. Through their 26  
participation in sports, the members of the Wittenberg University 27  
women's softball team have learned lessons of discipline, 28  
perseverance, hard work, and good sportsmanship that will 29  
undoubtedly be of great benefit to them throughout their lives; 30  
therefore be it 31

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 131st 32  
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 33  
congratulate the Wittenberg University women's softball team as 34  
the 2016 North Coast Athletic Conference Champion and salute all 35  
those who contributed to the success of this fine team; and be it 36  
further 37

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 38  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Wittenberg University 39  
women's softball team. 40