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Representatives Kent, Boggs, Brown, Craig, Leland, Miller

A RESOLUTION

Honoring the Columbus Africentric Early College girls
basketball team on winning the 2018 Division III State
Championship.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 1
132nd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to pay tribute to the 2
Columbus Africentric Early College girls basketball team as the 3
2018 Division III State Champion; and 4

WHEREAS, The talented Columbus Africentric Early College 5
girls basketball team is to be heartily commended for defeating a 6
tough Versailles squad and decisively securing this year's 7
Division III State Championship. The 53-47 victory of the Nubians, 8
which capped a fantastic 27-3 season, reflects an outstanding 9
collective effort by a gifted group of athletes. Without 10
exception, they had prepared conscientiously in pursuit of the 11
crown, devoting countless hours to training and practice in order 12
to ensure peak conditioning, and clearly, this demanding regimen 13
has paid handsome dividends, for they won their sixth state title 14
in fifteen seasons; and 15

WHEREAS, The members of the Columbus Africentric Early 16
College girls basketball team have epitomized the power, poise, 17
and precision that befit true champions. To their credit, Coach 18
Will McKinney has guided the squad with unwavering expertise and 19
encouragement, and he merits enthusiastic praise for coaxing 20
admirable performances out of the Nubians in each competitive 21
outing. Despite sometimes grueling pressure, they have 22
consistently maintained their composure and morale, exhibiting 23
strength, speed, stamina, and agility in every challenging 24
encounter. Time and again, they have risen to the occasion, amply 25

demonstrating their unflagging determination, and their impressive 26
maturity and finesse have gained them widespread respect, even 27
among their most formidable rivals; and 28

WHEREAS, By weathering a rigorous schedule and prevailing 29
over a host of adversaries, the members of the Columbus 30
Africentric Early College girls basketball team have learned much 31
about dedication, self-discipline, leadership, and perseverance. 32
Their first-place finish is a measure of their stalwart commitment 33
to the sport, and their indomitable spirit has made their 34
families, friends, and coach extremely proud. This triumph attests 35
to the staunch resolve of these young women, and it signifies the 36
acquisition of valuable experience that is sure to benefit them in 37
later life; therefore be it 38

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 39
Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 40
this Resolution, recognize the Columbus Africentric Early College 41
girls basketball team on its Division III State Championship and 42
extend best wishes for the future; and be it further 43

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 44
transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the 45
Columbus Africentric Early College girls basketball team. 46