

SENATORS SMITH - GRENDALL - MASON - MILLER, D. - SPADA

*Honoring the Cleveland State University women's basketball team
as the 2008 Horizon League Champion.*

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 127th General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate the Cleveland State University women's basketball team on winning the 2008 Horizon League Championship; and

WHEREAS, A remarkable group of athletes, the members of the Cleveland State University women's basketball team have combined talent and competitive spirit with the highest ideals of good sportsmanship to establish themselves as a truly exceptional squad. With admirable dedication, members Angel Roque, Shawnita Garland, Katie Baxter, Natalie Miller, Brittany Korth, Kailey Klein, Stephanie Crosley, Justine Hayes, Dominique Butler, Jessica Roque, and Robyn Hoying have worked diligently toward attaining ultimate proficiency in basketball, and as a result, the Vikings won this year's Horizon League Championship, advanced to the prestigious NCAA Tournament, and finished the season with a 19-14 record; and

WHEREAS, The Vikings' achievements and leadership are a justifiable source of pride and an excellent reflection on them, their families, their school, their community, and their coaches. The success of any athletic endeavor depends largely on the ability of the coaches to provide both guidance and inspiration, and in leading their team to victory, Coach Kate Peterson Abiad and her assistants have not only helped each athlete to develop her talents to the fullest but also instilled in each a valuable sense of determination, perseverance, and camaraderie; and

WHEREAS, With athletic competition playing such an important role in the total education of our young people, we are extremely pleased to pay tribute to these fine athletes and their exemplary coaches. The maturity and experience the team members have gained through participation in sports will greatly aid them in meeting the challenges of the future; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 127th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend the Cleveland State University women's basketball team on its tremendous 2007-2008 season and salute the players and coaches as outstanding citizens; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Cleveland State University women's basketball team.

I, Vincent L. Keeran, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution No. 198, adopted by the Ohio Senate, April 9, 2008.

*Vincent L. Keeran
Clerk of the Senate*

*Senator Bill Harris
President of the Senate*

*Senator Shirley Smith
Senatorial District No. 21*