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Representative Smith, R.

A RESOLUTION

Honoring the University of Rio Grande men's soccer team as
the 2015 NAIA Champion.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 1
131st General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate the 2
University of Rio Grande men's soccer team on winning the 2015 3
National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Championship; 4
and 5

WHEREAS, A remarkable group of athletes, the members of the 6
University of Rio Grande men's soccer team have combined talent 7
and competitive spirit with the highest ideals of good 8
sportsmanship to establish themselves as a truly exceptional 9
squad. With admirable dedication, the RedStorm have worked 10
diligently toward attaining ultimate proficiency in soccer, and as 11
a result, they defeated a tough MidAmerica Nazarene team in 12
overtime by the score of 1-0 to win this year's NAIA Championship, 13
their second national title in program history, and finished the 14
season with an impressive 23-1 record; and 15

WHEREAS, The RedStorm's achievements and leadership are a 16
justifiable source of pride and an excellent reflection on the 17
players, their families, their school, their community, and their 18
coaches. The success of any athletic endeavor depends largely on 19
the ability of the coaches to provide both guidance and 20
inspiration, and in leading their team to victory, Coach Scott 21
Morrissey and his assistants have not only helped each athlete to 22
develop his talents to the fullest but also instilled in each a 23
valuable sense of determination, perseverance, and camaraderie; 24
and 25

WHEREAS, With athletic competition playing such an important 26
role in the total education of our young people, we are extremely 27

pleased to pay tribute to these exemplary athletes and their 28
outstanding coaches for a job well done. The maturity and 29
experience the team members have gained through participation in 30
sports will greatly aid them in meeting the challenges of the 31
future; therefore be it 32

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 33
Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 34
this Resolution, commend the University of Rio Grande men's soccer 35
team on an exemplary season and salute the players and coaches as 36
fine citizens; and be it further 37

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 38
transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the 39
University of Rio Grande men's soccer team. 40