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Representative Sykes

A RESOLUTION

Honoring The University of Akron football team as the 2015
Famous Idaho Potato Bowl 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 Akron football team on winning the 2015 Famous Idaho 3
Potato Bowl; and 4

WHEREAS, A remarkable group of young athletes, the members 5
of The University of Akron football team have combined talent and 6
competitive spirit with the highest ideals of good sportsmanship 7
to establish themselves as a truly exceptional squad. With 8
admirable dedication, the Zips have worked diligently toward 9
attaining ultimate proficiency in football, and as a result, they 10
defeated a tough Utah State team by the score of 23-21 to win the 11
2015 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl and finished the season with an 8-5 12
record, their first bowl victory and 8-win season since becoming a 13
Division I program in 1987; and 14

WHEREAS, The Zips' achievements and leadership are a 15
justifiable source of pride and an excellent reflection on the 16
players, their families, their school, their community, and their 17
coaches. The success of any athletic endeavor depends largely on 18
the ability of the coaches to provide both guidance and 19
inspiration, and in leading their team to victory, Coach Terry 20
Bowden and his assistants have not only helped each athlete to 21
develop his talents to the fullest but also instilled in each a 22
valuable sense of determination, perseverance, and camaraderie; 23
and 24

WHEREAS, With athletic competition playing such an important 25
role in the total education of our young people, we are extremely 26
pleased to pay tribute to these exemplary athletes and their 27

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

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 32
Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 33
this Resolution, commend The University of Akron football team on 34
its tremendous 2015 season and salute the players and coaches as 35
fine citizens; and be it further 36

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 37
transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to The 38
University of Akron football team. 39