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**Representative Cupp**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring Xavier Simpson as Ohio's Mr. Basketball for 2016.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate Xavier Simpson on being named the 2016 Ohio Mr. Basketball by The Associated Press; and

WHEREAS, A senior at Lima Senior High School, Xavier Simpson has combined talent and competitive spirit with the highest ideals of good sportsmanship to establish himself as a truly exceptional young athlete. With admirable dedication, he has worked diligently toward attaining ultimate proficiency in basketball, and as a result, he averaged 27.2 points, 6.6 assists, 3.9 steals, and 3.9 rebounds per game and received All-Ohio Division I first-team honors as its Player of the Year this season; and

WHEREAS, Xavier Simpson's accomplishments and leadership, both in and out of competition, are a justifiable source of pride and a fine reflection not only on him but also on his family, his teammates, his coaches, his school, and his community. His unwavering commitment to excellence has earned him the respect and esteem of many, and he is certainly worthy of high praise; 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 Xavier Simpson on an exemplary season. Indeed, the same maturity and experience he has gained through his participation in basketball will greatly aid him in meeting the challenges of the future; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend Xavier Simpson as the top boys high

school basketball player in Ohio for 2016 and extend best wishes 28  
for continued success; and be it further 29

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 30  
transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to Xavier 31  
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