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A RESOLUTION

Honoring the Cleveland Cavaliers on winning the 2016 NBA
Championship.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to extend special recognition to the Cleveland Cavaliers as the 2016 National Basketball Association Champion; and

WHEREAS, The talented Cleveland Cavaliers are to be heartily commended, for by defeating the Golden State Warriors four games to three, they have decisively earned this year's National Basketball Association Championship, the first such title in franchise history and the first professional championship in any sport for a team from the City of Cleveland in fifty-two years. The 93-89 victory of the Cavaliers in Game 7 reflects an outstanding collective effort by a gifted group of athletes. Without exception, they had prepared conscientiously in pursuit of the crown, devoting countless hours to training and practice in order to ensure peak conditioning, and clearly, this demanding regimen has paid handsome dividends; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Cleveland Cavaliers have epitomized the power, poise, and precision that befit true champions. To their credit, Coach Tyronn Lue and his assistants have guided the squad with unwavering expertise and encouragement,

and they merit enthusiastic praise for coaxing admirable 21
performances out of the Cavaliers in each competitive outing. 22
Despite sometimes grueling pressure, they have consistently 23
maintained their composure and morale, exhibiting strength, speed, 24
stamina, and agility in every challenging encounter. Time and 25
again, they have risen to the occasion, amply demonstrating their 26
unflinching determination, and their impressive maturity and 27
finesse have gained them widespread respect, even among their most 28
formidable rivals; and 29

WHEREAS, By weathering a rigorous schedule and prevailing 30
over a host of adversaries, the members of the Cleveland Cavaliers 31
have learned much about dedication, self-discipline, leadership, 32
and perseverance. Their first-place finish is a measure of their 33
stalwart commitment to the sport of basketball, and their 34
indomitable team spirit has made their families, friends, and 35
coaches extremely proud. This triumph attests to the staunch 36
resolve of these athletes, and it signifies the acquisition of 37
valuable experience that is sure to benefit them in later life; 38
therefore be it 39

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 40
Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 41
this Resolution, applaud the Cleveland Cavaliers as the 2016 NBA 42
Champion and wish its members and coaches success in all of their 43
future endeavors; and be it further 44

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 45
transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the 46
Cleveland Cavaliers. 47