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Representative Burkley

A R E S O L U T I O N

Honoring the Defiance High School boys basketball team on winning the 2015 Division II State Championship.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to extend special recognition to the Defiance High School boys basketball team as the 2015 Division II State Champion; and

WHEREAS, The talented Defiance High School boys basketball team is, indeed, to be heartily commended, for by defeating a strong Cleveland Central Catholic team, it has decisively earned this year's Division II State title. The Bulldogs' 49-45 victory, which capped a 27-2 season, reflects a collective effort by a gifted group of athletes. Without exception, they had prepared conscientiously in pursuit of the state 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 Defiance High School boys basketball team have epitomized the power, poise, and precision that befit true champions. To his credit, Coach Kirk Lehman has guided the squad with unwavering expertise and encouragement, and he merits enthusiastic praise for coaxing admirable performances out of the Bulldogs in each competitive outing. Despite sometimes grueling pressure, they have consistently maintained their composure and morale, exhibiting strength, speed, stamina, and agility in every challenging encounter.

Time and again, they have risen to the occasion, amply demonstrating their unflagging determination, and their impressive maturity and finesse have earned them widespread respect, even among their most formidable rivals; and

WHEREAS, By weathering a rigorous schedule and prevailing over a host of adversaries, the members of the Defiance High School boys basketball team have learned much about dedication, self-discipline, leadership, and perseverance. Their first-place finish is a measure of their stalwart commitment to the sport, and their indomitable spirit has made their families, friends, and coach extremely proud. This triumph attests to the staunch resolve of these young men and signifies the acquisition of valuable experience that is sure to benefit them in later life; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, applaud the Defiance High School boys basketball team on its success and extend best wishes for the years to come; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Defiance High School boys basketball team.