

## As Introduced

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**S. R. No. 411**

**Senator Gentile**

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### A RESOLUTION

Honoring the Waterford High School girls basketball team  
as the 2016 Division IV State Champion.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 131st General  
Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate the Waterford High  
School girls basketball team on winning the 2016 Division IV State  
Championship; and

WHEREAS, A remarkable group of young athletes, the members of  
the Waterford High School girls basketball team have combined  
talent and competitive spirit with the highest ideals of good  
sportsmanship to establish themselves as a truly exceptional  
squad. With admirable dedication, the Wildcats have worked  
diligently toward attaining ultimate proficiency in basketball,  
and as a result, they defeated a tough St. Wendelin team by the  
score of 29-27 to win this year's Division IV State Championship  
title and finished the season with an impressive 28-1 record; and

WHEREAS, The Wildcats' achievements and leadership are a  
justifiable source of pride and an excellent reflection on the  
players, their families, their school, their community, and their  
coach. The success of any athletic endeavor depends largely on the  
ability of the coach to provide both guidance and inspiration, and  
in leading his team to victory, Coach Jerry Close has not only  
helped each athlete to develop her talents to the fullest but also  
instilled in each a valuable sense of determination, perseverance,  
and camaraderie; 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 these exemplary athletes and their  
outstanding coach for a job well done. The maturity and experience  
the team members have gained through their participation in sports

will greatly aid them in meeting the challenges of the future; 28  
therefore be it 29

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 131st 30  
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend the 31  
Waterford High School girls basketball team on its tremendous 32  
2015-2016 season and salute the players and coach as some of 33  
Ohio's finest citizens; and be it further 34

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 35  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Waterford High School 36  
girls basketball team. 37