

As Introduced

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Senator Tavares

A RESOLUTION

Honoring the Columbus Africentric Early College girls
basketball team as the 2016 Division III State
Champion.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 131st General
Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate the Columbus
Africentric Early College girls basketball team on winning the
2016 Division III State Championship; and

WHEREAS, A remarkable group of young athletes, the members of
the Columbus Africentric Early College 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 Lady Nubians have worked
diligently toward attaining ultimate proficiency in basketball,
and as a result, they defeated a tough Marion Pleasant team by the
score of 59-37 to win the Division III State Championship, their
fifth such title overall, and compiled an impressive 24-5 record
this season; and

WHEREAS, The Lady Nubians' 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 Will McKinney 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 26
outstanding coach for a job well done. The maturity and experience 27
the team members have gained through participation in sports will 28
greatly aid them in meeting the challenges of the future; 29
therefore be it 30

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 131st 31
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend the 32
Columbus Africentric Early College girls basketball team on its 33
tremendous 2015-2016 season and salute the players and coach as 34
some of Ohio's finest citizens; and be it further 35

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 36
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Columbus Africentric 37
Early College girls basketball team. 38