

As Introduced

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Senator Gentile

A RESOLUTION

Honoring the Ohio University Speaking Bobcats as the 2016
National Champion.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 131st General
Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate the Ohio University
Speaking Bobcats on winning all three sweepstakes divisions at the
2016 Public Communication Speech and Debate League National
Tournament; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Ohio University Speaking Bobcats
are a remarkable group of academicians, for they have amply
demonstrated their ability to meet competition with confidence and
competence. At this year's Public Communication Speech and Debate
League National Tournament, the squad won championships in the
overall team sweepstakes, debate sweepstakes, and speech
sweepstakes divisions, and its members won twenty-nine individual
awards, including five national championships. Throughout long
hours of practice and preparation, the students have displayed a
degree of determination and motivation of which they can be proud;
and

WHEREAS, In winning these prestigious titles, the Ohio
University Speaking Bobcats have been rewarded for their high
standards of excellence. This, coupled with the school's emphasis
on strong basic skills and a comprehensive curriculum, has
encouraged the intellectual and speaking abilities of the members,
and we applaud all those who have worked so diligently to ensure
the group's success; and

WHEREAS, The accomplishments of the Ohio University Speaking
Bobcats are a fitting tribute to the excellent leadership provided
by its advisors, who have given tirelessly of their time, energy,
and expertise to guide the members. The maturity and experience

the students have gained through their participation in this 28
exciting activity will greatly aid them in meeting the challenges 29
of the future; 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
Ohio University Speaking Bobcats on its 2016 national 33
championships and extend best wishes for the years to come; and be 34
it further 35

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 36
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Ohio University 37
Speaking Bobcats. 38