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Senators Hackett, Hughes

A RESOLUTION

Honoring the Wittenberg University women's softball team
on winning the 2016 North Coast Athletic Conference
Championship.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 131st General
Assembly of Ohio are pleased to commend the Wittenberg University
women's softball team on securing the 2016 North Coast Athletic
Conference Championship title; and

WHEREAS, Each member of the Wittenberg University women's
softball team is an excellent athlete, and Coach Laura Matthews
has demonstrated remarkable energy, enthusiasm, and dedication in
guiding this squad to victory. This season, the Tigers bested the
team from DePauw University by a score of 12-3 to win the North
Coast Athletic Conference Championship for the second time in
school history, advanced to the NCAA Division III Regional
competition, and accumulated a 32-9-1 overall record. The
unwavering commitment of the members and their coach has earned
them these prestigious distinctions, and they are certainly
deserving of high praise; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Wittenberg University women's
softball team have established themselves as a truly exceptional
squad, and they have emerged as winners both in and out of
athletic competition. Laura Matthews' skill as a coach is
reflected in their outstanding success, and due largely to her
tireless efforts, she has earned the respect and admiration of all
who know her; and

WHEREAS, In an educational system that seeks to teach the
future leaders of our state and nation the fundamentals of self-
reliance and the rewards of individual and group effort, athletic

competition has become a valuable educational tool. Through their 26
participation in sports, the members of the Wittenberg University 27
women's softball team have learned lessons of discipline, 28
perseverance, hard work, and good sportsmanship that will 29
undoubtedly be of great benefit to them throughout their lives; 30
therefore be it 31

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 131st 32
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 33
congratulate the Wittenberg University women's softball team as 34
the 2016 North Coast Athletic Conference Champion and salute all 35
those who contributed to the success of this fine team; and be it 36
further 37

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 38
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Wittenberg University 39
women's softball team. 40