

As Adopted by the Senate

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S. R. No. 81

Senators Hite, Bacon

A RESOLUTION

Honoring the Defiance High School boys basketball team as the 2015 Division II State Champion.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate the Defiance High School boys basketball team on winning the 2015 Division II State Championship; and

WHEREAS, A remarkable group of young athletes, the members of the Defiance High School boys 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 Bulldogs have worked diligently toward attaining ultimate proficiency in basketball, and as a result, they defeated a tough Cleveland Central Catholic team in overtime by the score of 49-45 to win this year's Division II State Championship; and

WHEREAS, The Bulldogs' achievements and leadership are a justifiable source of pride and an excellent reflection on the players, their families, their school, their community, and their coaches. The success of any athletic endeavor depends largely on the ability of the coaches to provide both guidance and inspiration, and in leading their team to victory, Coach Kirk Lehman and his assistants have not only helped each athlete to develop his 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 coaches 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; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend the Defiance High School boys basketball team on its tremendous 2014-2015 season and salute the players and coaches as some of Ohio's finest citizens; and be it further

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