

**As Adopted by the House**

**132nd General Assembly  
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**H. R. No. 317**

**Representative Schuring**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring David Baker on receiving the 2017 Sports  
Leadership Award.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 1  
132nd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to extend special 2  
recognition to David Baker on being presented with the 2017 Sports 3  
Leadership Award at the 34th annual March of Dimes Sports 4  
Luncheon; and 5

WHEREAS, David Baker is, indeed, a remarkable individual, 6  
for he has combined civic concern and dedication with the utmost 7  
professionalism to become a dynamic leader in the Canton area. 8  
This prestigious honor is a fitting tribute to him for the 9  
outstanding efforts he has displayed as the president of the Pro 10  
Football Hall of Fame for the past four years, and during his 11  
tenure, he has demonstrated exemplary leadership in shepherding 12  
several initiatives, including the ongoing Johnson Controls Hall 13  
of Fame Village expansion; and 14

WHEREAS, David Baker has brought to his position a wealth of 15  
experience gained as a professional basketball player, a city 16  
councilman, a mayor, and the commissioner of the Arena Football 17  
League, and his tremendous drive has helped to guarantee a high 18  
level of success for all projects with which he has been involved. 19  
Among those familiar with his valuable contributions, his name has 20  
become virtually synonymous with initiative, integrity, and 21  
intelligence, and considering his productive efforts, it is no 22  
surprise that he has won a host of admirers; and 23

WHEREAS, David Baker's noteworthy accomplishments clearly 24  
show the potential of each person to have a positive effect on the 25  
quality of life in our society, and through his unfaltering 26  
commitment and generous nature, he has earned the respect and 27

appreciation of all who know him. In applauding him for his 28  
willingness to assume an important leadership role in the 29  
community, we note with pride that it is through the endeavors of 30  
conscientious individuals such as he that the State of Ohio 31  
remains a fine place to live; therefore be it 32

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 33  
Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 34  
this Resolution, congratulate David Baker on his recent accolade 35  
and salute him as one of Ohio's finest citizens; and be it further 36

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 37  
transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to David 38  
Baker. 39