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**Representative Sykes**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring the St. Vincent-St. Mary High School boys  
basketball team on its 2018 Division II State  
Championship.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 1  
132nd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to pay tribute to the 2  
St. Vincent-St. Mary High School boys basketball team on securing 3  
the 2018 Division II State Championship; and 4

WHEREAS, The talented St. Vincent-St. Mary High School boys 5  
basketball team is to be heartily commended, for by defeating a 6  
tough Trotwood Madison squad, it has decisively won this year's 7  
Division II State Championship. The 60-51 victory of the Fighting 8  
Irish, which capped a 21-8 season, reflects an outstanding 9  
collective effort by a gifted group of athletes. Without 10  
exception, they had prepared conscientiously in pursuit of their 11  
second consecutive crown and their eighth such title overall, 12  
devoting countless hours to training and practice in order to 13  
ensure peak conditioning, and clearly, this demanding regimen has 14  
paid handsome dividends; and 15

WHEREAS, The members of the St. Vincent-St. Mary High School 16  
boys basketball team have epitomized the power, poise, and 17  
precision that befit true champions. To his credit, Coach Dru 18  
Joyce has guided the squad with unwavering expertise and 19  
encouragement, and he merits enthusiastic praise for coaxing 20  
admirable performances out of his players in each competitive 21  
outing. Despite sometimes grueling pressure, they have 22  
consistently maintained their composure and morale, exhibiting 23  
strength, speed, stamina, and agility in every challenging 24  
encounter. Time and again, they have risen to the occasion, amply 25

demonstrating their unflagging determination, and their impressive 26  
maturity and finesse have gained them widespread respect, even 27  
among their most formidable rivals; and 28

WHEREAS, By weathering a rigorous schedule and prevailing 29  
over a host of adversaries, the members of the St. Vincent-St. 30  
Mary High School boys basketball team have learned much about 31  
dedication, self-discipline, leadership, and perseverance. Their 32  
first-place finish is a measure of their stalwart commitment to 33  
the sport, and their indomitable spirit has made their families, 34  
friends, and coach extremely proud. This triumph attests to the 35  
staunch resolve of these young men, and it signifies the 36  
acquisition of valuable experience that is sure to benefit them in 37  
later life; therefore be it 38

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 39  
Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 40  
this Resolution, applaud the St. Vincent-St. Mary High School boys 41  
basketball team on its brilliant season and wish its members and 42  
coach continued success in all of their future endeavors; and be 43  
it further 44

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 45  
transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the St. 46  
Vincent-St. Mary High School boys basketball team. 47