

**As Introduced**

**132nd General Assembly  
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**S. R. No. 118**

**Senator Oelslager**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring the Jackson High School boys basketball team as  
the 2017 Division I State Champion.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 132nd General 1  
Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate the Jackson High 2  
School boys basketball team on winning the 2017 Division I State 3  
Championship; and 4

WHEREAS, A remarkable group of young athletes, the members of 5  
the Jackson High School boys basketball team have combined talent 6  
and competitive spirit with the highest ideals of good 7  
sportsmanship to establish themselves as a truly exceptional 8  
squad. With admirable dedication, the Polar Bears have worked 9  
diligently toward attaining ultimate proficiency in basketball, 10  
and as a result, they defeated a tough Archbishop Moeller High 11  
School team by the score of 39-38 to win this year's Division I 12  
State Championship title, their second state crown in program 13  
history, and finished the season with an impressive 28-2 record; 14  
and 15

WHEREAS, The Polar Bears' achievements and leadership are a 16  
justifiable source of pride and an excellent reflection on the 17  
players, their families, their school, their community, and their 18  
coaches. The success of any athletic endeavor depends largely on 19  
the ability of the coaches to provide both guidance and 20  
inspiration, and in leading their team to victory, Coach Tim 21  
Debevec and his assistants have not only helped each athlete to 22  
develop his talents to the fullest but also instilled in each a 23  
valuable sense of determination, perseverance, and camaraderie; 24  
and 25

WHEREAS, With athletic competition playing such an important 26

role in the total education of our young people, we are extremely 27  
pleased to pay tribute to these exemplary athletes and their 28  
outstanding coaches for a job well done. The maturity and 29  
experience the team members have gained through their 30  
participation in sports will greatly aid them in meeting the 31  
challenges of the future; therefore be it 32

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 132nd 33  
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend the 34  
Jackson High School boys basketball team on its tremendous 2016- 35  
2017 season and salute the players and coaches as some of Ohio's 36  
finest citizens; and be it further 37

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 38  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Jackson High School 39  
boys basketball team. 40