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Senators Kunze, Bacon, Tavares

A RESOLUTION

Honoring Keita Bates-Diop as the 2018 Big Ten Player of the Year.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate Keita Bates-Diop on being named the 2018 Big Ten Player of the Year in men’s college basketball; and

WHEREAS, Keita Bates-Diop is, indeed, a truly exceptional athlete, for he has successfully combined talent and competitive spirit with the highest ideals of good sportsmanship, to be named this year’s Big Ten Player of the Year. An outstanding junior member of The Ohio State University men’s basketball team, he averaged 19.2 points and 8.9 rebounds per game, received first-team All-Big Ten honors, earned Big Ten Player of the Week four times, and garnered a National Player of the Week nod, and he was integral in leading the Buckeyes to a 15-3 conference record and a second-place finish this season; and

WHEREAS, Keita Bates-Diop’s exemplary record of personal achievement stands as a hallmark worthy of emulation, and he has inspired countless individuals to excel in numerous areas of endeavor. The respect and admiration he has gained for his accomplishments and leadership thus far are a justifiable source of pride for his family and for his hometown; and

WHEREAS, This achievement is truly noteworthy, for Keita Bates-Diop has been recognized for his exceptional skill, perseverance, and commitment, as well as for his mental and physical fortitude as a basketball player. He exemplifies all of the characteristics that are essential for success both in and out of the sports arena, including courage, discipline, integrity, and

an innate sense of the principles of good sportsmanship. Because 27
of his personal motivation and determination, he is certainly 28
destined for future success; therefore be it 29

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 132nd 30
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend 31
Keita Bates-Diop as the 2018 Big Ten Player of the Year in men's 32
college basketball and look to his future with optimism; and be it 33
further 34

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 35
authenticated copy of this Resolution to Keita Bates-Diop. 36