

**As Adopted by the Senate**

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**S. R. No. 593**

**Senator Tavares**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring the Columbus Africentric Early College girls  
basketball team as the 2018 Division III State Champion.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 132nd General 1  
Assembly of Ohio are pleased to commend the Columbus Africentric 2  
Early College girls basketball team on winning the 2018 Division 3  
III State Championship; and 4

WHEREAS, A superb group of young athletes, the members of the 5  
Columbus Africentric Early College girls basketball team have 6  
combined ability and dedication with the highest ideals of good 7  
sportsmanship in pursuit of their goals. Members Nyam Thornton, 8  
Antoinette Williams, Lyric Ransom, Arianna Smith, Kazmere Smith- 9  
Hopgood, Tierra Cook, Charjae Brock, Iyana Hairston, Maliyah 10  
Johnson, Aniyah Murphy, Jordan Horston, Sakima Walker, and Alexia 11  
Smith have worked diligently in their quest for excellence, and 12  
consequently, they placed first at this year's Division III State 13  
Championship and obtained their sixth state crown in program 14  
history; and 15

WHEREAS, The Nubians can be justly proud of their 16  
achievements. A coach guides his team by example, inspiring the 17  
members to reach for their dreams and to aspire to greatness, and 18  
in directing his squad to success in each challenge, Coach William 19  
McKinney, along with his assistant coaches, Toronna Neal and 20  
Reggie Lee, and manager, Daeshane Reid, has provided his athletes 21  
with the tools that will help them excel not only in sports but 22  
also in life; and 23

WHEREAS, The members of the Columbus Africentric Early 24  
College girls basketball team have exemplified the qualities 25  
necessary for excellence in sports, including strength, stamina, 26

and agility. Through their participation in athletic competition, 27  
these fine individuals have learned lessons of hard work and good 28  
sportsmanship that will undoubtedly be of great benefit to them; 29  
therefore be it 30

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 132nd 31  
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, pay tribute 32  
to the Columbus Africentric Early College girls basketball team on 33  
its tremendous attainment and recognize the members and coaches as 34  
fine Ohioans; and be it further 35

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 36  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Columbus Africentric 37  
Early College girls basketball team. 38