

As Introduced

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S. R. No. 92

Senator Romanchuk



A RESOLUTION

Honoring the Ashland University women’s basketball team on
securing the 2023 NCAA Division II National Champion.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 135th General Assembly 1
of Ohio are pleased to extend special recognition to the Ashland 2
University women’s basketball team as the 2023 National Collegiate 3
Athletic Association Division II National Champion; and 4

WHEREAS, The Ashland University women’s basketball team is 5
comprised of excellent athletes who collectively worked to showcase 6
the talents of their exceptional squad. The Eagles trained diligently, 7
combining the stamina of a young fleet of players with the drive of a 8
seasoned group of leaders, and as a result, they were victorious over 9
Minnesota Duluth with a final score of 78-67 to win this year’s NCAA 10
Division II Championship and finish the season with a perfect 37-0 11
record. Time and again, they have risen to the occasion, amply 12
demonstrating their unflagging determination, and their impressive 13
maturity and finesse have gained them widespread respect, even among 14
their most daunting rivals. They are certainly deserving of this 15
crown; and 16

WHEREAS, This triumph reflects the staunch resolve of these young 17
women, and it signifies the acquisition of valuable experience that is 18
sure to benefit them in later life. Thanks in part to the tireless 19
efforts of their exemplary head coach, Kari Pickens, the members of 20
the Ashland University women’s basketball team have met the demands of 21
an extensive training regimen, and it has paid handsome dividends; and 22

WHEREAS, The players of the Ashland University women’s basketball 23
team have set themselves apart as a fine example of what a dedicated 24
group of athletes can achieve when guided by a committed coaching 25
staff and surrounded by loyal fans and sports families. Throughout the 26

season, the Eagles have developed into a group of dynamic leaders, and 27
they can rest assured that as they meet challenges, they will take 28
with them the lessons of camaraderie, hard work, and discipline; 29
therefore be it 30

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 135th General 31
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, applaud the Ashland 32
University women's basketball team for its brilliant 33
2022-2023 season and wish its members and coaches continued success in 34
all of their future endeavors; and be it further 35

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 36
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Ashland University 37
women's basketball team. 38