

As Adopted by the House

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H. R. No. 102

Representative Sims

A RESOLUTION

Honoring The University of Akron men's basketball
team as the 2025 MAC Tournament Champion.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 136th
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to commend The University of
Akron men's basketball team on winning the 2025 Mid-American
Conference Championship for the second consecutive year; and

WHEREAS, A remarkable group of young athletes, the members of The
University of Akron men's basketball team have combined talent and
spirit with the highest ideals of good sportsmanship to establish
themselves as truly exceptional competitors. With admirable
dedication, the Zips have worked diligently toward attaining ultimate
proficiency in basketball, and as a result, they finished the season
with an impressive 28-7 overall record and a 17-1 MAC record, which
tied for the best record in conference history. In addition, they
claimed the MAC Tournament Championship with a dramatic 76-74 victory
over Miami University to earn a bid to the 2025 NCAA Tournament; and

WHEREAS, The achievements and leadership of The University of
Akron men's basketball team are a justifiable source of pride and an
excellent reflection on the players, their families, their school
community and fans, and their coach, John Groce. Indeed, in leading
the squad to victory, Coach Groce has helped these athletes to develop
great talent and instilled valuable lessons of determination,
perseverance, and camaraderie that will last their lifetimes; and

WHEREAS, With athletic competition playing such an important role
in the total education of our young people, we are pleased to pay
tribute to all those who comprise The University of Akron men's
basketball team for a job well done. The maturity and experience the
team members have gained through their participation in sports will

greatly aid them in meeting the challenges of the future; therefore be 27
it 28

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 29
the 136th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 30
applaud The University of Akron men's basketball team on its 31
tremendous 2024-2025 season and salute the members and coaches as fine 32
ambassadors of the Zips athletic program; and be it further 33

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 34
a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to The University of 35
Akron men's basketball team. 36