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Representative Hiner

A R E S O L U T I O N

Honoring the Hiland High School boys basketball team as the 2026 Division VI State Champion.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 136th General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate the Hiland High School boys basketball team on winning the 2026 Division VI State Championship; and

WHEREAS, A remarkable group of young athletes, the members of the Hiland High School boys 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 Hawks have worked diligently toward attaining ultimate proficiency in basketball, and as a result, they defeated a tough Marion Local team by the score of 54-51 in double overtime to win this year's Division VI State Championship, their first such title since 2012, and finished the season with an impressive 26-3 record; and

WHEREAS, The Hawks' achievements and leadership are a justifiable source of pride and an excellent reflection on the players, their families, their school, their community, and their coach, Mark Schlabach. In leading his team to victory, Coach Schlabach has not only helped the athletes to develop their talents to the fullest but also instilled in them a valuable sense of determination, perseverance, and camaraderie; and

WHEREAS, With athletic competition playing such an important role in the total education of our young people, we are extremely pleased to pay tribute to these exemplary athletes and their outstanding coach 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 it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 136th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend the Hiland High School boys basketball team on its tremendous season and salute the members and coach as some of Ohio's finest citizens; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Hiland High School boys basketball team.