

As Adopted by the House

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Representative Hiner

A RESOLUTION

Honoring the Hiland High School boys basketball team 1
as the 2026 Division VI State Champion. 2

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 136th 3
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate the Hiland High 4
School boys basketball team on winning the 2026 Division VI State 5
Championship; and 6

WHEREAS, A remarkable group of young athletes, the members of the 7
Hiland High School boys basketball team have combined talent and 8
spirit with the highest ideals of good sportsmanship to establish 9
themselves as truly exceptional competitors. With admirable 10
dedication, the Hawks have worked diligently toward attaining ultimate 11
proficiency in basketball, and as a result, they defeated a tough 12
Marion Local team by the score of 54-51 in double overtime to win this 13
year's Division VI State Championship, their first such title since 14
2012, and finished the season with an impressive 26-3 record; and 15

WHEREAS, The Hawks' achievements and leadership are a justifiable 16
source of pride and an excellent reflection on the players, their 17
families, their school, their community, and their coach, Mark 18
Schlabach. In leading his team to victory, Coach Schlabach has not 19
only helped the athletes to develop their talents to the fullest but 20
also instilled in them a valuable sense of determination, 21
perseverance, and camaraderie; and 22

WHEREAS, With athletic competition playing such an important role 23
in the total education of our young people, we are extremely pleased 24
to pay tribute to these exemplary athletes and their outstanding coach 25
for a job well done. The maturity and experience the team members have 26
gained through their participation in sports will greatly aid them in 27
meeting the challenges of the future; therefore be 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
commend the Hiland High School boys basketball team on its tremendous 31
season and salute the members and coach as some of Ohio's finest 32
citizens; 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 Hiland High School 35
boys basketball team. 36