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**H. R. No. 429**

**Representatives Sims, Hall, D.**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring The University of Akron men's basketball 1  
team on winning the 2026 Mid-American Conference 2  
Tournament Championship. 3

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 136th 4  
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to salute The University of Akron 5  
men's basketball team as the 2026 Mid-American Conference Tournament 6  
Champion; and 7

WHEREAS, Establishing a reputation for its skill and tenacity, The 8  
University of Akron men's basketball team is an impressive group of 9  
athletes whose talent and teamwork are unmatched. At the 2026 Mid- 10  
American Conference Tournament, the squad seized the title with a 11  
score of 79-76, earning its third consecutive league tournament crown, 12  
and it went on to qualify for the NCAA Tournament and finish the 13  
season with a 29-6 record. Clearly, this season will be celebrated for 14  
many years to come; and 15

WHEREAS, The members of The University of Akron men's basketball 16  
team rose to the occasion and proved themselves to be a dynamic force 17  
in college sports. Truly, these outstanding athletes can be proud of 18  
the accomplishments that were hard-won and deserved throughout the 19  
2025-2026 season; and 20

WHEREAS, By remaining faithful to the highest standards of 21  
sportsmanship and teamwork, the members of The University of Akron 22  
men's basketball team primed themselves under the guidance of Head 23  
Coach John Groce to reach their full potential. Indeed, the Zips have 24  
demonstrated remarkable energy, enthusiasm, and dedication in all of 25  
their endeavors; therefore be it 26

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 27

the 136th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 28  
recognize The University of Akron men's basketball team on its success 29  
and honor the athletes and coaches for their tremendous prowess; and 30  
be it further 31

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 32  
a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to The University of 33  
Akron men's basketball team. 34