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**H. R. No. 99**

**Representative Ritter**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring the Waterford High School girls basketball team as the 2025 Division VII State Champion.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 136th General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate the Waterford High School girls basketball team on winning the 2025 Division VII State Championship; and

WHEREAS, A remarkable group of young athletes, the members of the Waterford High School girls 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 Lady Wildcats have worked diligently toward attaining ultimate proficiency in basketball, and as a result, they defeated a tough Fort Loramie team by the score of 48-46 to win this year's Division VII State Championship, their third such crown in program history; and

WHEREAS, The Lady Wildcats' 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, Jerry Close. In leading his team to victory, Coach Close 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 27  
the 136th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 28  
commend the Waterford High School girls basketball team on its 29  
tremendous season and salute the members and coach as some of Ohio's 30  
finest citizens; and be it further 31

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 32  
a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Waterford High 33  
School girls basketball team. 34