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Representative Ritter

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