

As Adopted by the Senate

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S. R. No. 296

Senator Manning

A RESOLUTION

Honoring the Southview Middle School eighth-grade
boys basketball team as the 2026 State Champion.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 136th General Assembly 1
of Ohio are pleased to congratulate the Southview Middle School 2
eighth-grade boys basketball team on winning the 2026 State 3
Championship; and 4

WHEREAS, A remarkable group of young athletes, the members of the 5
Southview Middle School eighth-grade boys basketball team have 6
combined talent and spirit with the highest ideals of good 7
sportsmanship to establish themselves as truly exceptional 8
competitors. With admirable dedication, members Antonio Kimbrough, 9
Lovell Morris, John Payne, Blake Wagner, Josiah Solomon, Mario Jones, 10
Jamil Rodriguez, Noah Benjamin, Joniel Centeno, Jaden McIntosh, and 11
Josiah Echols have worked diligently toward attaining ultimate 12
proficiency in basketball, and as a result, they won this year's 13
Greater Cleveland Conference and State championships and finished the 14
season with a perfect 16-0 record; and 15

WHEREAS, The achievements and leadership of the Southview Middle 16
School eighth-grade boys basketball team are a justifiable source of 17
pride and an excellent reflection on the players, their families, 18
their school, their community, and their coaches. In leading their 19
team to victory, Head Coach Doug Taylor and Assistant Coach Aaron 20
Frazier have not only helped the athletes to develop their talents to 21
the fullest but have also instilled in them a valuable sense of 22
determination, perseverance, and camaraderie; and 23

WHEREAS, With athletic competition playing such an important role 24
in the total education of our young people, we are extremely pleased 25
to pay tribute to these exemplary athletes and their outstanding 26

coaches for a job well done. The maturity and experience the team 27
members have gained through their participation in sports will greatly 28
aid them in meeting the challenges of the future; therefore be it 29

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 136th General 30
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend the Southview 31
Middle School eighth-grade boys basketball team on its tremendous 32
season and salute the members and coaches as some of Ohio's finest 33
citizens; and be it further 34

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 35
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Southview Middle School 36
eighth-grade boys basketball team. 37