

# 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  
of Ohio are pleased to congratulate the Southview Middle School  
eighth-grade boys basketball team on winning the 2026 State  
Championship; and

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

WHEREAS, The achievements and leadership of the Southview Middle  
School eighth-grade boys basketball team are a justifiable source of  
pride and an excellent reflection on the players, their families,  
their school, their community, and their coaches. In leading their  
team to victory, Head Coach Doug Taylor and Assistant Coach Aaron  
Frazier have not only helped the athletes to develop their talents to  
the fullest but have 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

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