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**H. R. No. 302**

**Representative Sykes  
Cosponsor: Representative Celebrezze**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring The University of Akron football team as the 2015  
Famous Idaho Potato Bowl Champion.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 1  
131st General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate The 2  
University of Akron football team on winning the 2015 Famous Idaho 3  
Potato Bowl; and 4

WHEREAS, A remarkable group of young athletes, the members 5  
of The University of Akron football team have combined talent and 6  
competitive spirit with the highest ideals of good sportsmanship 7  
to establish themselves as a truly exceptional squad. With 8  
admirable dedication, the Zips have worked diligently toward 9  
attaining ultimate proficiency in football, and as a result, they 10  
defeated a tough Utah State team by the score of 23-21 to win the 11  
2015 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl and finished the season with an 8-5 12  
record, their first bowl victory and 8-win season since becoming a 13  
Division I program in 1987; and 14

WHEREAS, The Zips' achievements and leadership are a 15  
justifiable source of pride and an excellent reflection on the 16  
players, their families, their school, their community, and their 17  
coaches. The success of any athletic endeavor depends largely on 18  
the ability of the coaches to provide both guidance and 19  
inspiration, and in leading their team to victory, Coach Terry 20  
Bowden and his assistants have not only helped each athlete to 21  
develop his talents to the fullest but also instilled in each a 22  
valuable sense of determination, perseverance, and camaraderie; 23  
and 24

WHEREAS, With athletic competition playing such an important 25

role in the total education of our young people, we are extremely 26  
pleased to pay tribute to these exemplary athletes and their 27  
outstanding coaches for a job well done. The maturity and 28  
experience the team members have gained through their 29  
participation in sports will greatly aid them in meeting the 30  
challenges of the future; therefore be it 31

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 32  
Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 33  
this Resolution, commend The University of Akron football team on 34  
its tremendous 2015 season and salute the players and coaches as 35  
fine citizens; and be it further 36

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 37  
transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to The 38  
University of Akron football team. 39