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H. R. No. 351

Representative Smith, R.

A RESOLUTION

Honoring the Ohio Valley Christian School boys basketball team on winning the 2016 OCSAA State Championship.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to extend special recognition to the Ohio Valley Christian School boys basketball team as the 2016 Ohio Christian School Athletic Association State Champion; and

WHEREAS, The talented Ohio Valley Christian School boys basketball team is, indeed, to be heartily commended, for by defeating a strong Dayton Temple Christian team, it has decisively earned this year's Ohio Christian School Athletic Association State Championship title. The Defenders' 49-28 victory, which capped a 21-6 season, reflects an outstanding collective effort by a gifted group of athletes. Without exception, they had prepared conscientiously in pursuit of the state crown, devoting countless hours to training and practice in order to ensure peak conditioning, and clearly, this demanding regimen has paid handsome dividends; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Ohio Valley Christian School boys basketball team have epitomized the power, poise, and precision that befit true champions. To his credit, Coach Steve Rice has guided the squad with unwavering expertise and encouragement, and he merits enthusiastic praise for coaxing admirable performances out of the Defenders in each competitive outing. Despite sometimes grueling pressure, they have consistently maintained their composure and morale, exhibiting strength, speed, stamina, and agility in every challenging encounter. Time and again, they have risen to the occasion, amply demonstrating their unflagging determination, and their impressive

maturity and finesse have earned them widespread respect, even 28
among their most formidable rivals; and 29

WHEREAS, By weathering a rigorous schedule and prevailing 30
over a host of adversaries, the members of the Ohio Valley 31
Christian School boys basketball team have learned much about 32
dedication, self-discipline, leadership, and perseverance. Their 33
first-place finish is a measure of their stalwart commitment to 34
the sport, and their indomitable spirit has made their families, 35
friends, and coach extremely proud. This triumph attests to the 36
staunch resolve of these young men and signifies the acquisition 37
of valuable experience that is sure to benefit them in later life; 38
therefore be it 39

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 40
Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 41
this Resolution, applaud the Ohio Valley Christian School boys 42
basketball team on its brilliant 2015-2016 season and extend best 43
wishes for the years to come; and be it further 44

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 45
transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Ohio 46
Valley Christian School boys basketball team. 47