

**As Offered**

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**H. R. No. 440**

**Representative Burkley**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring the Defiance High School baseball team as the  
2016 Division II State Champion.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 1  
131st General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to extend special 2  
recognition to the Defiance High School baseball team on winning 3  
the 2016 Division II State Championship; and 4

WHEREAS, The talented Defiance High School baseball team is, 5  
indeed, to be heartily commended, for it has decisively earned 6  
this year's Division II state title, their second consecutive and 7  
third such title in the past four years. The Bulldogs boasted a 8  
memorable 29-2 season, the measure of an extraordinary collective 9  
effort by a truly gifted group of athletes. Without exception, 10  
they had prepared conscientiously in pursuit of the championship, 11  
devoting countless hours to training and practice in order to 12  
ensure peak conditioning; and 13

WHEREAS, The members of the Defiance High School baseball 14  
team have epitomized the power, poise, and precision that befit 15  
authentic champions. To his credit, Coach Tom Held has guided the 16  
squad with unwavering expertise and encouragement, and he merits 17  
enthusiastic praise for coaxing admirable performances out of his 18  
players in each competitive outing. Despite sometimes grueling 19  
pressure, the Bulldogs' standouts have consistently maintained 20  
their composure and morale, exhibiting skill, speed, stamina, and 21  
agility in every challenging encounter. Time and again, they have 22  
risen to the occasion, amply demonstrating their unflagging 23  
determination, and their impressive maturity and finesse have 24  
gained them widespread respect, even among their staunchest 25  
rivals; and 26

WHEREAS, By weathering a rigorous schedule and prevailing 27

over numerous adversaries, the members of the Defiance High School 28  
baseball team have learned much about dedication, self-discipline, 29  
leadership, and perseverance. Their first-place finish reflects 30  
their strong commitment to the sport, and their indomitable team 31  
spirit has made their families, friends, and coach extremely 32  
proud. This triumph attests to the steadfast resolve of these 33  
young men, and signifies the acquisition of valuable experience 34  
that is sure to benefit them in later life; therefore be it 35

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 36  
Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 37  
this Resolution, applaud the Defiance High School baseball team 38  
for its brilliant season and wish its members continued success in 39  
all of their future endeavors; and be it further 40

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 41  
transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the 42  
Defiance High School baseball team. 43