

## As Adopted by the Senate

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**Senator Hite**

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### A RESOLUTION

Honoring the Defiance High School baseball team on placing first at the 2015 Division II State Championship.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to commend the Defiance High School baseball team on securing the 2015 Division II State Championship; and

WHEREAS, Each member of the Defiance High School baseball team is an excellent young athlete, and Coach Tom Held has demonstrated remarkable energy, enthusiasm, and dedication in guiding this squad to victory. This season, the Bulldogs bested the team from Poland Seminary by a score of 5-3 to win the 2015 Division II State Championship and finish with a 28-5 record. The unwavering commitment of the members and their coach has earned them this prestigious distinction, and their efforts are deserving of acknowledgement; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Defiance High School baseball team have established themselves as a truly exceptional team, and they have emerged as winners both in and out of athletic competition. Tom Held's skill as a coach is reflected in their outstanding success, and due largely to his tireless efforts, he has earned the respect and admiration of all who know him; and

WHEREAS, In an educational system that seeks to teach the future leaders of our state and nation the fundamentals of

self-reliance and the rewards of individual and group effort, athletic competition has become a valuable educational tool. The team's efforts in striving to be the best on the field has enabled them to learn much about dedication, self-discipline, and leadership, and understandably, they have made all who know them very proud; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, extend special recognition to the Defiance High School baseball team as the 2015 Division II State Champion and salute all those who contributed to the success of this fine team; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Defiance High School baseball team.