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A RESOLUTION

Honoring the Deer Park High School boys basketball team on
winning the 2018 Division III State Championship.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 1
132nd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to extend special 2
recognition to the Deer Park High School boys basketball team as 3
the 2018 Division III State Champion; and 4

WHEREAS, Under the capable leadership of Coach Steven Gentry 5
and his highly competent assistants, the Deer Park High School 6
boys basketball team has proven itself to be a talented and 7
superbly conditioned squad and has gained the respect of fans and 8
opponents alike for the spirited and greatly motivated play of its 9
members. Throughout the season, each player demonstrated 10
scrupulous commitment to improving his skills on the hardwood, and 11
as a result, the Wildcats accomplished their goals, were 12
victorious over Columbus Africentric High School with a score of 13
67-57 to secure its first Division III State Championship crown, 14
and finish the season with an amazing 29-0 record; and 15

WHEREAS, Known as a driven and determined team, the Deer 16
Park High School Wildcats have developed into a remarkably 17
efficient group of athletes whose skill on the basketball court is 18
equaled only by their exemplary display of teamwork and 19
sportsmanship. They are a credit not only to their families and 20
their school but also to the superb coaching of their mentor, 21
Steven Gentry; and 22

WHEREAS, The road to victory and a championship title is a 23
difficult one, requiring ability, endurance, teamwork, and a 24
positive attitude on the part of players and coaches alike. The 25
members of the Deer Park High School boys basketball team have 26

exemplified all of the characteristics that are essential for 27
success both in and out of competition, including courage, 28
discipline, integrity, and good sportsmanship, and their efforts 29
have earned them the admiration of all those who have witnessed 30
these outstanding athletes in action; therefore be it 31

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 32
Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 33
this Resolution, applaud the Deer Park High School boys basketball 34
team on its achievement and pay tribute to its exceptional 2017- 35
2018 season; 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 Deer 38
Park High School boys basketball team. 39