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H. R. No. 606

Representative Gavarone

A RESOLUTION

Honoring the Bowling Green State University men's rugby team as the 2018 Division I AA National Champion.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate the Bowling Green State University men's rugby team on winning the 2018 Division I AA National Championship; and

WHEREAS, A remarkable group of young athletes, the members of the Bowling Green State University men's rugby team have combined talent and competitive spirit with the highest ideals of good sportsmanship to establish themselves as a truly exceptional squad. With admirable dedication, the Falcons have worked diligently toward attaining ultimate proficiency in their sport, and as a result, they defeated a tough St. Joseph team by the score of 24-7 to win this year's Division I AA National Championship title; and

WHEREAS, The achievements and leadership of the Falcons are a justifiable source of pride and an excellent reflection on them, their families, their school, their hometowns, and their coach, Tony Mazzarella. The success of any athletic endeavor depends largely on the ability of the coaches to provide both guidance and inspiration, and in leading their team to victory, Coach Mazzarella and his assistants have not only helped each player to develop his talents to the fullest, but they have also instilled in each a valuable sense of determination, perseverance, and camaraderie; and

WHEREAS, With athletic competition playing such an important role in the total education of our future leaders, we are extremely pleased to pay tribute to these fine athletes and their

outstanding coaches for a job well done. The maturity and 27
experience the players have gained through participation in sports 28
will greatly aid them in meeting the challenges of the future; 29
therefore be it 30

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 31
Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 32
this Resolution, commend the Bowling Green State University men's 33
rugby team on its tremendous 2018 season and salute the players 34
and coaches as fine citizens; and be it further 35

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 36
transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the 37
Bowling Green State University men's rugby team. 38