

**As Introduced**

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**S. R. No. 121**

**Senator Sykes**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring the St. Vincent-St. Mary High School boys  
basketball team as the 2017 Division II State Champions.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 132nd General 1  
Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate the St. Vincent-St. 2  
Mary High School boys basketball team on winning the 2017 Division 3  
II State Championship; and 4

WHEREAS, A remarkable group of young athletes, the members of 5  
the St. Vincent-St. Mary High School boys basketball team have 6  
combined talent and competitive spirit with the highest ideals of 7  
good sportsmanship to establish themselves as a truly exceptional 8  
squad. With admirable dedication, the Irish have worked diligently 9  
toward attaining ultimate proficiency in basketball, and as a 10  
result, they defeated a tough Wauseon team by the score of 45-30 11  
to secure this year's Division II State Championship crown, their 12  
seventh such title in school history; and 13

WHEREAS, The achievements and leadership of the Irish are a 14  
justifiable source of pride and an excellent reflection on the 15  
players, their families, their school, their community, and their 16  
coach, Dru Joyce. The success of any athletic endeavor depends 17  
largely on the ability of the coaches to provide both guidance and 18  
inspiration, and in leading their team to victory, Coach Joyce and 19  
his assistants have not only helped each player to develop his 20  
talents to the fullest, but they have also instilled in each a 21  
valuable sense of determination, perseverance, camaraderie, and 22  
school spirit; and 23

WHEREAS, With athletic competition playing such an important 24  
role in the total education of our young people, we are overjoyed 25  
to pay tribute to these fine athletes and their outstanding coach 26  
for a job well done. The maturity and experience the players have 27

gained through participation in sports will greatly aid them in 28  
meeting the challenges of the future; therefore be it 29

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 132nd 30  
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend the 31  
St. Vincent-St. Mary High School boys basketball team on its 32  
tremendous 2017 season and salute the players and coaches as some 33  
of Ohio's finest citizens; and be it further 34

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 35  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the St. Vincent-St. Mary 36  
High School boys basketball team. 37