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Senator Gardner

A RESOLUTION

Honoring the Bowling Green State University men's rugby team on winning the 2018 Division I AA National Championship

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to extend special recognition to the Bowling Green State University men's rugby team on placing first at the Division I AA National Championship; and

WHEREAS, The talented Bowling Green State University men's rugby team is, indeed, to be heartily commended, for by handily defeating St. Joseph by a score of 24-7, it has decisively earned its first national title in program history. This impressive victory capped an 8-3 season and reflects an outstanding collective effort by this gifted group of athletes. Without exception, they had prepared conscientiously in pursuit of the NCAA Division I AA crown, devoting countless hours to training and practice in order to ensure peak conditioning. Clearly, this demanding regimen has paid handsome dividends, and we salute their efforts; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Bowling Green State University men's rugby team have epitomized the power, poise, and precision that befit true champions. To his credit, Coach Tony Mazzarella has guided the team with unwavering expertise and encouragement, and he merits enthusiastic praise for coaxing admirable performances out of the Falcons in each competitive outing. Despite sometimes grueling pressure, they have consistently maintained their composure and morale, exhibiting strength, speed, stamina, and agility in every challenging encounter. Time and again, they have risen to the occasion, amply demonstrating their

unflagging determination, and their impressive maturity and 26
finesse have earned them widespread respect, even among their most 27
formidable rivals; and 28

WHEREAS, By weathering a rigorous schedule and prevailing 29
over a host of adversaries, the members of the Bowling Green State 30
University men's rugby team have learned much about dedication, 31
self-discipline, leadership, and perseverance. Their championship 32
finish is a measure of their stalwart commitment to the sport, and 33
their indomitable spirit has made their families, friends, and 34
coach extremely proud. This triumph attests to the staunch resolve 35
of these young men, and it signifies the acquisition of valuable 36
experience that is sure to benefit them in later life; therefore 37
be it 38

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 132nd 39
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, applaud the 40
Bowling Green State University men's rugby team for its brilliant 41
season and wish its members continued success in all of their 42
future endeavors; and be it further 43

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 44
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Bowling Green State 45
University men's rugby team. 46