

# As Adopted by the House

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**H. R. No. 251**

**Representative Sykes**

## **A RESOLUTION**

Honoring The University of Akron men's basketball team  
as the 2022 Mid-American Conference Tournament Champion.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 134th  
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate The University of  
Akron men's basketball team on winning the 2022 Mid-American  
Conference Tournament Championship; and

WHEREAS, A remarkable group of young athletes, the members of The  
University of Akron men's basketball 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 Zips have worked diligently toward attaining ultimate  
proficiency in basketball, and as a result, they defeated a tough Kent  
State University team by the score of 75-55 to secure this year's Mid-  
American Conference Tournament Championship, their first such title  
since 2013, and qualify for the National Collegiate Athletic  
Association Tournament; and

WHEREAS, The Zips' achievements and leadership are a justifiable  
source of pride and an excellent reflection on the players, their  
families, their school, their community, and their coaches. 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 John Groce and his assistants have not only  
helped each athlete to develop his talents to the fullest but 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 young people, we are extremely pleased  
to pay tribute to these exemplary athletes and their outstanding

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

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 30  
the 134th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 31  
commend The University of Akron men's basketball team on a tremendous 32  
season and salute the players and coaches as fine citizens; and be it 33  
further 34

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 35  
a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to The University of 36  
Akron men's basketball team. 37