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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 1
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate The University of 2
Akron men's basketball team on winning the 2022 Mid-American 3
Conference Tournament Championship; and 4

WHEREAS, A remarkable group of young athletes, the members of The 5
University of Akron men's basketball team have combined talent and 6
competitive spirit with the highest ideals of good sportsmanship to 7
establish themselves as a truly exceptional squad. With admirable 8
dedication, the Zips have worked diligently toward attaining ultimate 9
proficiency in basketball, and as a result, they defeated a tough Kent 10
State University team by the score of 75-55 to secure this year's Mid- 11
American Conference Tournament Championship, their first such title 12
since 2013, and qualify for the National Collegiate Athletic 13
Association Tournament; and 14

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

WHEREAS, With athletic competition playing such an important role 24
in the total education of our young people, we are extremely pleased 25
to pay tribute to these exemplary athletes and their outstanding 26

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