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H. R. No. 271

Representatives Edwards, Jones

A RESOLUTION

Honoring the Waterford High School girls basketball team
as the 2022 Division IV State Champion.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 134th 1
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate the Waterford 2
High School girls basketball team on winning the 2022 Division IV 3
State Championship; and 4

WHEREAS, A remarkable group of young athletes, the members of the 5
Waterford High School girls 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 Wildcats have worked diligently toward attaining 9
ultimate proficiency in basketball, and as a result, they defeated a 10
tough New Knoxville team by the score of 35-26 to win this year's 11
Division IV State Championship, their first such title since 2016; 12
and 13

WHEREAS, The Wildcats' achievements and leadership 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, Jerry Close. The success of any athletic endeavor depends 17
largely on the ability of the coach to provide both guidance and 18
inspiration, and in leading his team to victory, Coach Close has not 19
only helped each athlete to develop her talents to the fullest but 20
also instilled in each a valuable sense of determination, 21
perseverance, and camaraderie; and 22

WHEREAS, With athletic competition playing such an important role 23
in the total education of our young people, we are extremely pleased 24
to pay tribute to these exemplary athletes and their outstanding coach 25
for a job well done. The maturity and experience the team members have 26

gained through their participation in basketball will greatly aid them 27
in meeting the challenges of the future; therefore be it 28

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 29
the 134th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 30
commend the Waterford High School girls basketball team on its 31
tremendous 2021-2022 season and salute the players and coach as some 32
of Ohio's finest citizens; and be it further 33

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 34
a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Waterford High 35
School girls basketball team. 36