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Representative Sykes

A R E S O L U T I O N

Honoring Malaki Branham as the 2021 Division II Player of
the Year in basketball.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 134th General 1
Assembly of Ohio are pleased to commend Malaki Branham on being named the 2021 Division 2
II Player of the Year in basketball by the Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association; and 3

WHEREAS, Malaki Branham’s outstanding ability and spirited drive, as well as his 4
quickness and tenacity, have distinguished him as a superior standout member of the St. Vincent- 5
St. Mary High School boys basketball team. During the 2020-2021 season, he averaged 22.0 6
points, 6.5 rebounds, and 3.5 assists per game during the regular season, and he helped the 7
Fighting Irish win forty-five games over the past two years. Indeed, he has gained the admiration 8
and respect of all those who have witnessed him in action, including his coach, Dru Joyce; and 9

WHEREAS, In displaying such exceptional prowess as a basketball player, Malaki 10
Branham has earned the appreciation of his fellow athletes, the devotion of countless fans, and 11
the respect of even his most determined rivals. Competition in athletics has enabled him to learn 12
much about dedication and self-discipline, and we take this opportunity to acknowledge his 13
exceptional record of achievement; and 14

WHEREAS, Basketball is an event that requires exceptional stamina and natural ability, 15
and Malaki Branham is to be commended for his commitment to this demanding sport. In 16
attaining his athletic goals, he has consistently exhibited the skill and integrity that are the 17
hallmarks of a true champion; therefore be it 18

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 134th General 19
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, pay tribute to Malaki Branham on his 20
outstanding performance in state competition and extend best wishes for his future endeavors; 21
and be it further 22

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a duly authenticated 23
copy of this Resolution to Malaki Branham. 24