

As Adopted by the Senate

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S. R. No. 332

Senator Gavarone

A RESOLUTION

Honoring the Owens Community College women's volleyball team on winning the 2021 NJCAA Division III National Championship.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 134th General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to pay tribute to the Owens Community College women's volleyball team as the 2021 National Junior College Athletic Association Division III Champion; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Owens Community College women's volleyball team are a remarkable group of young athletes who 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 Express have worked diligently toward attaining ultimate proficiency in volleyball, and as a result, they defeated a tough Rock Valley College team by a score of 3-2 to win the NJCAA Division III National Championship title for the third consecutive year and finished the season with an outstanding 29-7 record; and

WHEREAS, The Express' achievements and leadership are a justifiable source of pride and an excellent reflection not only on the players but also on their families, their school, and their coach, Sonny Lewis. The success of any athletic endeavor depends largely on the ability of the coaches to provide both guidance and inspiration, and in leading his team to victory, Coach Lewis has not only helped each athlete to develop her talents to the fullest but also instilled within them a valuable sense of determination, perseverance, and camaraderie; and

WHEREAS, The road to victory and a championship title is a

difficult one, requiring speed, endurance, cooperation, and a positive 25
attitude on the part of the players and coach alike. The members of 26
the Owens Community College women's volleyball team have exemplified 27
all of the characteristics that are essential for success both in and 28
out of athletic competition, including courage, discipline, and 29
integrity, and their efforts have earned them the admiration of all 30
those who have witnessed these outstanding athletes in action; 31
therefore be it 32

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 134th General 33
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, congratulate the Owens 34
Community College women's volleyball team on winning the 2021 National 35
Junior College Athletic Association Division III Championship and 36
salute all those who contributed to the Express' success this season; 37
and be it further 38

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 39
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Owens Community College 40
women's volleyball team. 41