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S. R. No. 61

Senator Johnson

A RESOLUTION

Honoring the Shawnee State University men's basketball
team as the 2021 National Association of
Intercollegiate Athletics Champion.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 134th General Assembly 1
of Ohio are pleased to congratulate the Shawnee State University men's 2
basketball team on winning the 2021 NAIA Championship; and 3

WHEREAS, A remarkable group of young athletes, the members of the 4
Shawnee State University men's basketball team have combined talent 5
and competitive spirit with the highest ideals of good sportsmanship 6
to establish themselves as a truly exceptional squad. With admirable 7
dedication, the Bears have worked diligently toward attaining ultimate 8
proficiency in their sport, and as a result, they finished the season 9
with a 31-2 overall record and defeated a tough Lewis-Clark State team 10
by the score of 74-68 to secure this year's NAIA Championship crown, 11
the first such title in program history; and 12

WHEREAS, The achievements and leadership of the Bears are a 13
justifiable source of pride and an excellent reflection on them, their 14
families, their school, their community, and their coach, 15
Delano Thomas. The success of any athletic endeavor depends largely on 16
the ability of the coaches to provide both guidance and inspiration, 17
and in leading their team to victory, Coach Thomas and his assistants 18
have not only helped their players to develop their talents to the 19
fullest, but they have also instilled in them a valuable sense of 20
determination, perseverance, and camaraderie; and 21

WHEREAS, With athletic competition playing such an important role 22
in the total education of our young people, we are extremely pleased 23
to pay tribute to these fine athletes and their outstanding coaches 24

for a job well done. The experience they have gained through their 25
participation in sports will greatly aid them in meeting the 26
challenges of the future; therefore be it 27

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 134th General 28
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend the Shawnee 29
State University men's basketball team as the 2021 NAIA National 30
Champion and salute all those who contributed to the success of this 31
fine squad; and be it further 32

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 33
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Shawnee State University 34
men's basketball team. 35