

**As Offered**

**135th General Assembly  
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**H. R. No. 216**

**Representative Hillyer**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring the Strasburg-Franklin High School softball team  
as the 2023 Division IV State Champion.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 135th 1  
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to applaud the Strasburg-Franklin 2  
High School softball team on securing the 2023 Division IV State 3  
Championship; and 4

WHEREAS, The Strasburg-Franklin High School softball team has 5  
worked as a group to showcase its exceptional talents. The Tigers 6  
trained to develop their stamina and drive, and as a result, they 7  
claimed the Division IV State Championship over a tough Hopewell- 8  
Loudon team with an impressive 8-2 win. This triumph not only repeated 9  
last year's state title but also meant the program tied the record for 10  
most state championships in Ohio; and 11

WHEREAS, The squad's stalwart season has been underscored by its 12  
athleticism, and it has earned the unparalleled esteem of many who 13  
have witnessed the team in action. The outstanding coaching staff, 14  
including Head Coach Tom Spidell, is to be credited for encouraging 15  
the players to meet their goal of being the best Division IV softball 16  
squad in Ohio, and this attainment reflects the resolve that the 17  
members of the Strasburg-Franklin High School softball team brought to 18  
the highest level of competition in the state; and 19

WHEREAS, The athletes who comprise the Strasburg-Franklin High 20  
School softball team have set themselves apart as an excellent example 21  
of what a dedicated group can achieve when guided by committed coaches 22  
and surrounded by loyal fans and boosters. These young women have 23  
become dynamic athletic leaders, and we are certain they will take 24  
with them the lessons of sportsmanship, hard work, and discipline into 25  
their upcoming endeavors; therefore be it 26

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 27  
the 135th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 28  
extend recognition to the Strasburg-Franklin High School softball team 29  
on its 2023 Division IV State Championship and look with optimism to 30  
the ongoing success of the program; and be it further 31

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 32  
a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Strasburg-Franklin 33  
High School softball team. 34