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2 High School boys basketball team.

3 *Whereas, On March 25, 2017, in Bankers Life Fieldhouse*
4 *in Indianapolis, Ben Davis High School defeated Fort Wayne*
5 *North Side High School 55-52 to win the Indiana High*
6 *School Athletic Association's Class 4A state basketball*
7 *championship, the school's third state title but its first in 21*
8 *years;*

9 *Whereas, Going into postseason play unranked, the Giants*
10 *finished the season on a roll;*

11 *Whereas, Down by as many as nine points and shooting*
12 *slightly over 30 percent from the floor in the first half, things*
13 *were not going well for Ben Davis;*

14 *Whereas, The Giants, however, were not ready to concede*
15 *the game to Fort Wayne North Side;*

16 *Whereas, Ben Davis came out ready to fight in the second*
17 *half;*

18 *Whereas, With the score tied at 46 and 3:12 left in the*
19 *game, Jalen Windham hit the go-ahead 3-point shot, R. J.*
20 *Turner was fouled, hit his first free throw, rebounded his*
21 *miss and put the ball back in the hoop, giving the Giants a*
22 *52-46 lead with 1:19 left;*

23 *Whereas, Fort Wayne North Side High School got within*



1 *two points at 54-52 with 18 seconds left, but Josh Brewer hit*
2 *a free throw to give the Giants a three-point lead;*

3 *Whereas, The Giants are led by head coach Mark James,*
4 *in his 35th year of coaching Indiana high school basketball;*

5 *Whereas, This victory marks the first state championship*
6 *for Coach James; and*

7 *Whereas, Outstanding accomplishments such as this*
8 *deserves special recognition: Therefore,*

9 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives*
10 *of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,*
11 *the Senate concurring:*

12 SECTION 1. That the members of the Indiana General Assembly
13 congratulate the Ben Davis High School boys basketball team on its
14 Class 5A state basketball championship and wish the players continued
15 success in all their future endeavors.

16 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
17 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to team members
18 Datrion Harper, Josh Brewer, Jalen Newsom, Aaron Henry, Kyle
19 Finch, Jalen Windham, and R.J. Turner; team managers Ryan Eggers,
20 Josh Everman, Tiana Jones, Korbyn McGowan, Alexis Russell, and
21 Kaleb Sweatt; assistant coaches Ben Rhoades, Kyle Ballard, Michael
22 Ray, Terry Futch, and Jordan Bragg; head coach Mark James; athletic
23 director John Clark; principal Sandra Squire; and superintendent Dr.
24 Jeff Butts.

