

REPRESENTATIVES COMBS - DERICKSON

*Honoring the Ross High School softball team on winning the 2009 Division II State Championship.*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Ohio:*

*WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 128th General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate the Ross High School softball team as the 2009 Division II State Champion; and*

*WHEREAS, Under the capable leadership of Coach Paul Fernandez, the Ross High School softball team has proven to be a talented and superbly conditioned squad and has gained the respect of fans and opponents alike for the spirited and highly motivated play of its members. Throughout the season, each player worked diligently to improve her abilities, and as a result, the Rams defeated a tough Bellville Clear Fork team by a score of 4-2 to secure this year's state championship title, finishing with a 26-7 record; and*

*WHEREAS, Known as a driven and spirited team, the Rams have developed into a remarkably efficient group of athletes whose skill on the diamond is equaled only by their exemplary display of teamwork and sportsmanship. They are a credit not only to their families and their school but also to the superb coaching of their mentor, Paul Fernandez; and*

*WHEREAS, The road to victory and a championship title is a difficult one, requiring ability, endurance, teamwork, and a positive attitude on the part of the players and coach alike. The members of the Ross High School softball team have exemplified all of the characteristics that are essential for success both on and off the softball field, including courage, discipline, integrity, and good sportsmanship, and their efforts have earned them the admiration of all those who have witnessed these outstanding athletes in action; therefore be it*

*RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 128th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend the Ross High School softball team on winning the 2009 Division II State Championship and applaud all those associated with this exceptional squad; and be it further*

*RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Ross High School softball team.*