

*REPRESENTATIVES MECKLENBORG - BLESSING*

*Honoring the La Salle High School boys basketball team  
as the 2011 Division I State Champion.*

*WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 129th General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate the La Salle High School boys basketball team on winning the 2011 Division I State Championship; and*

*WHEREAS, A remarkable group of young athletes, the members of the La Salle High School boys basketball team have combined talent and competitive spirit with the highest ideals of good sportsmanship to establish themselves as a truly exceptional squad. With admirable dedication, members Joe Burger, Brad Burkhart, Trey Casey, Ryan Fleming, Ryan Leahy, Josh Lemons, Ben Mercer, Brandon Neel, Kole Porter, Chris Rodriguez, Michael Schmidt, Connor Speed, Tyler Vogelpohl, Brett Wiebell, and Matthew Woeste have worked diligently toward attaining ultimate proficiency in basketball, and as a result, the Lancers defeated a tough Northland team by the score of 59-40 to win this year's Division I State Championship, finishing the season with an impressive 26-2 record and a number sixteen national ranking; and*

*WHEREAS, The Lancers' achievements and leadership are a justifiable source of pride and an excellent reflection on the players, their families, their school, their community, and their coaches. The success of any athletic endeavor depends largely on the ability of the coaches to provide both guidance and inspiration, and in leading their team to victory, Coach Dan Fleming and his assistants, Nick Dooros, Dave Esterkamp, Pat Goedde, Joe Muenchen, and Mike Swift have not only helped each athlete to develop his talents to the fullest but also instilled in each a valuable sense of determination, perseverance, and camaraderie; and*

*WHEREAS, With athletic competition playing such an important role in the total education of our young people, we are extremely pleased to pay tribute to these exemplary athletes and their outstanding coaches for a job well done. The maturity and experience the team members have gained through participation in sports will greatly aid them in meeting the challenges of the future; therefore be it*

*RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 129th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend the La Salle High School boys basketball team on its tremendous season and salute the players and coaches as some of Ohio's finest citizens; and be it further*

*RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the La Salle High School boys basketball team.*