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Representative Kent

A RESOLUTION

Honoring the Columbus Africentric Early College High School girls basketball team on winning the 2019 Division III State Championship.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 133rd General Assembly of Ohio are delighted to pay tribute to the Columbus Africentric Early College High School girls basketball team as the 2019 Division III State Champion; and

WHEREAS, The Columbus Africentric Early College High School girls basketball team is comprised of excellent athletes who collectively worked to showcase the talents of their exceptional squad. The Nubians trained diligently, combining the stamina of a young fleet of athletes with the drive of a seasoned group of leaders, and as a result, they defeated a formidable Waynesville High School team 51-47 to win this year's Division III State Championship, the seventh state title in program history. Time and again, they have risen to the occasion, amply demonstrating their unflagging determination, and their impressive maturity and finesse have gained them widespread respect, even among their most daunting rivals. They are certainly deserving of this crown; and

WHEREAS, This triumph, which fulfills the expectations of the loyal fans who followed the team to the championship, reflects the staunch resolve of these young women, and it signifies the acquisition of valuable experience that is sure to benefit them in later life. Thanks in part to the tireless efforts of an exceptionally committed coaching staff and the support of its community, the Columbus Africentric Early College High School girls basketball team has met the demands of an extensive training regimen, and it has paid handsome dividends; and

WHEREAS, The Columbus Africentric Early College High School girls basketball team has built a distinguished reputation with its third-place national ranking by ESPN.com and its fourth-place distinction by MaxPreps.com, as well as with its first unbeaten season, and the Nubians have set themselves apart as an excellent example of what a dedicated coaching staff, such as the one led by Will McKinney, and a committed group of sports families and athletic boosters can achieve. Throughout extensive conditioning, training, and competition, these young women have developed into a group of dynamic athletic leaders, and they can rest assured that as they meet their future challenges, they will take with them the lessons of comradery, hard work, and discipline; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 133rd General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, applaud the Columbus Africentric Early College High School girls basketball team on its 2019 Division III State Championship title and salute the players and coaches as fine Ohioans; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Columbus Africentric Early College High School girls basketball team.