

REPRESENTATIVES DODD - HOTTINGER

*Honoring the Lakewood High School softball team as the 2009 Division III State Champion.*

*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 Lakewood High School softball team on winning the 2009 Division III State Championship; and*

*WHEREAS, A remarkable group of young athletes, the members of the Lakewood High School softball 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 Alissa Birkhimer, Courtney Birkhimer, Chelsea Brewer, Carli Crawford, Brayan Gault, Brooke Gault, Tasha Henderson, Caitlin Houk, Megan Kelley, Ashley Kincaid, Jessica Lewis, Alissa Patznick, Megan Swiantek, Emily Voehringer, and Sarah Wogan have worked diligently toward attaining ultimate proficiency in softball, and as a result, the Lancers defeated a tough Ursuline team by the score of 5-0 to win this year's Division III State Championship, their second consecutive state title, and they finished the season with an impressive 30-4 record; 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 Criss Nadolson and his assistants, Bo Hanson, Amy Nadolson, Jessica McConnell, Jessica Fry, and Ashlee Shoults have not only helped each athlete to develop her 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 fine 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 128th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend the Lakewood High School softball team on its tremendous 2009 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 Lakewood High School softball team.*