REPRESENTATIVE GERBERRY

Honoring the Poland Seminary High School softball team as the 2011 Division II State Champion.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 129th General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate the Poland Seminary High School softball team on winning the 2011 Division II State Championship; and

WHEREAS, A remarkable group of young athletes, the members of the Poland Seminary 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, the Bulldogs have worked diligently toward attaining ultimate proficiency in softball, and as a result, they defeated a tough Keystone team by the score of 4-0 to win this year's Division II State Championship and finished the season with a 25-2 record; and

WHEREAS, The Bulldogs' achievements and leadership are a justifiable source of pride and an excellent reflection on the players, their families, their school, their community, and their coach. The success of any athletic endeavor depends largely on the ability of the coach to provide both guidance and inspiration, and in leading his team to victory, Coach Reid Lamport has 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 exemplary athletes and their outstanding coach 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 Poland Seminary High School softball team on its tremendous 2011 season and salute the players and coach 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 Poland Seminary High School softball team.