

REPRESENTATIVE PHILLIPS

*Honoring the Ohio University men's basketball team
on winning the 2012 Mid-American Conference Championship.*

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 129th General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to extend special recognition to the Ohio University men's basketball team as the 2012 Mid-American Conference Champion; and

WHEREAS, A remarkable group of athletes, the members of the Ohio University men's 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, the Bobcats have worked diligently toward attaining ultimate proficiency in basketball, and as a result, they won this year's Mid-American Conference Championship with a 11-5 record, advanced to the Midwest Regional semifinals of the NCAA Tournament, and finished the season with an impressive 29-8 record; and

WHEREAS, The Bobcats' 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 John Groce and his assistants 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, applaud the Ohio University men's basketball team on its tremendous season and salute the players and coaches as fine citizens; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Ohio University men's basketball team.