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H. R. No. 420

Representative Thompson

A RESOLUTION

Honoring the Waterford High School girls basketball team
on winning the 2016 Division IV State Championship.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize the Waterford High School girls basketball team on winning the 2016 Division IV State Championship; and

WHEREAS, Each member of the Waterford High School girls basketball team is an excellent young athlete, and Coach Jerry Close has demonstrated remarkable energy, enthusiasm, and dedication in guiding this squad to victory. This season, the Wildcats bested the team from St. Wendelin High School by a score of 29-27 to win the 2016 Division IV State Championship. The unwavering commitment of the members and their coach has earned them this prestigious distinction, and they are certainly deserving of high praise; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Waterford High School girls basketball team have established themselves as a truly exceptional squad, and they have emerged as winners both in and out of athletic competition. Jerry Close's skill as a coach is reflected in their outstanding success, and due largely to his tireless efforts, he has earned the respect and admiration of all who know him; and

WHEREAS, In an educational system that seeks to teach the future leaders of our state and nation the fundamentals of self-reliance and the rewards of individual and group effort, athletic competition has become a valuable educational tool. Through their participation in sports, the members of the Waterford High School girls basketball team have learned lessons of discipline, perseverance, hard work, and good sportsmanship that will

undoubtedly be of great benefit to them throughout their lives; 28
therefore be it 29

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 30
Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 31
this Resolution, pay tribute to the Waterford High School girls 32
basketball team as the 2016 Division IV State Champion and applaud 33
all those who contributed to the success of this fine squad; and 34
be it further 35

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 36
transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the 37
Waterford High School girls basketball team. 38