

REPRESENTATIVES ASHFORD - FEDOR - SEARS - SZOLLOSI

*Honoring The University of Toledo women's basketball team  
as the 2011 Women's National Invitational Tournament Champion.*

*WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 129th General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate The University of Toledo women's basketball team on winning the 2011 Women's National Invitational Tournament Championship; and*

*WHEREAS, A remarkable group of athletes, the members of The University of Toledo women's basketball team have combined talent and competitive spirit with the highest ideals of good sportsmanship. With admirable dedication, the Rockets have worked diligently toward attaining ultimate proficiency in basketball, and as a result, they defeated a tough University of Southern California team by the score of 76-68 to secure this year's WNIT Championship, becoming the first Mid-American Conference program to win a national postseason tournament; and*

*WHEREAS, The Rockets' achievements and leadership are 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 Tricia Cullop and her assistants 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 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, commend The University of Toledo women'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 University of Toledo women's basketball team.*