

REPRESENTATIVE DEGEETER

*Honoring the Padua Franciscan High School volleyball team as the Division II 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 Padua Franciscan High School volleyball team on winning the 2009 Ohio Division II State Championship; and*

*WHEREAS, A remarkable group of young athletes, the members of the Padua Franciscan High School volleyball 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 Lady Bruins worked diligently toward attaining ultimate proficiency in volleyball, and as a result, they defeated a tough Mentor Lake Catholic team by the score of 16-25, 21-25, 25-22, 25-19, 15-9 to win this year's Division II State Championship, their second consecutive state title, and finished the season with an impressive 27-2 record; and*

*WHEREAS, The Lady Bruins' 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 the team to victory, Coach Tony Messina and his assistants, Jim Beharry, Katie Vaughan, and Irene Link have not only helped each athlete to develop her talents to the fullest, but they have 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 Padua Franciscan High School volleyball team on its tremendous 2009 season and salute the players and coaches as fine Ohioans; and be it further*

*RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Padua Franciscan High School volleyball team.*