

REPRESENTATIVE BAKER

*Honoring Robert P. Dougherty as the 2009 National Coach of the Year.*

*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 commend Robert P. Dougherty on receiving the 2009 Coach of the Year Award for boys soccer from the National Federation of State High School Associations; and*

*WHEREAS, Robert Dougherty is deserving of this prestigious honor, which has been accorded to him in recognition of his exemplary coaching achievements during the 2009 season. Under his capable guidance, the Bay High School boys soccer team advanced to the Division II State Championship, and his exceptional skill is reflected in his selection as a 2009 National Coach of the Year; and*

*WHEREAS, Robert Dougherty's exceptional record of personal and professional success stands as a hallmark worthy of emulation, and he has inspired countless young people to excel in numerous areas of endeavor. The appreciation and esteem he has gained throughout his lifetime are clearly evident, and his accomplishments and leadership are a justifiable source of pride and an excellent reflection not only on him but also on his family, his players, his school, and his community; and*

*WHEREAS, In a society 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 Robert Dougherty's contributions as a high school boys soccer coach, numerous student-athletes have learned the important lessons of discipline, perseverance, hard work, and good sportsmanship that will undoubtedly be of great benefit to them throughout their lives; therefore be it*

*RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 128th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, applaud Robert P. Dougherty on this national distinction and extend best wishes for the years to come; and be it further*

*RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to Robert P. Dougherty.*