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Honoring the Columbus Clippers on the grand opening of Huntington Park.

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 extend special recognition to the Columbus Clippers on the memorable occasion of the grand opening of Huntington Park, April 18, 2009; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious event is a fitting time to pay tribute to the Columbus Clippers, for as Ohio's representative in minor league baseball, the team has become a respected institution throughout the state. The success of this franchise is important to the continued growth of the hospitality industry in the Central Ohio area, as it attracts thousands of visitors to the City of Columbus each year; and

WHEREAS, Located in Downtown Columbus' Arena District on Nationwide Boulevard and Neil Avenue, the new Huntington Park is part of an effort to revitalize the city's urban core with its innovative green construction design that will accommodate 10,000 sports spectators and showcase family-friendly features such as a kids fountain and a picnic lawn while utilizing the latest in energy-efficient operating methods. The grand opening of this fine facility also coincides with the Columbus Clipper's opening game for this season, April 18, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Baseball is known around the world as America's pastime, and the Columbus Clippers have enjoyed being affiliated with the International League since 1977. We are certain that in the years to come, the Clippers will continue to contribute significantly to the success of professional sports in the State of Ohio; 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 Columbus Clippers on the grand opening of Huntington Park and extend best wishes for an outstanding 2009 season; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Columbus Clippers.