

REPRESENTATIVES MANDEL - BOYD

*Honoring the University School boys hockey team as the 2009 OHSAA 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 extend special recognition to the University School boys hockey team on winning the 2009 OHSAA State Championship; and*

*WHEREAS, A remarkable group of young athletes, the members of the University School boys hockey 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 Preppers have worked diligently toward attaining ultimate proficiency in their sport, and as a result, they defeated a tough St. John's Jesuit team by the score of 3-0 to win this year's State OHSAA Championship, their second such title since 2003; and*

*WHEREAS, The achievements and leadership of the Preppers are a justifiable source of pride and an excellent reflection not only on them but also on their families, their school, their community, and their coach, Bill Beard. 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 Bill Beard and his assistants have not only helped each player to develop his talents to the fullest, but they have also instilled in each a valuable sense of determination, perseverance, camaraderie, and school spirit; 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 coach for a job well done. The maturity and experience the players 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 University School boys hockey team on winning the 2009 State Championship and extend best wishes for ongoing success; and be it further*

*RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the University School boys hockey team.*