

SENATOR PATTON

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

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 128th General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate Robert Dougherty on being named the 2009 Coach of the Year for boys soccer by the National Federation of State High School Associations; and

WHEREAS, As the boys soccer coach at Bay High School, Robert Dougherty has demonstrated remarkable integrity and dedication. Throughout the season, he has not only encouraged each player to develop his talents to the fullest but also instilled in each a valuable sense of determination, perseverance, camaraderie, and spirit, and as a result, the Rockets advanced to the Division II State Championship game; and

WHEREAS, The expertise, guidance, and sound judgment of coaches such as Robert Dougherty are critical to the ultimate success of any athletic endeavor. Due largely to his tireless efforts, the Rockets have emerged as winners, both in and out of athletic competition, and he has earned the genuine respect and admiration of many; 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 Coach Dougherty for a job well-done. His outstanding rapport with his players, as well as with his fellow coaches, has been a vital factor in the Rockets' accomplishments, and he is certainly deserving of high praise; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 128th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend Robert Dougherty on his national accolade and extend best wishes for the future; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to Robert Dougherty.

I, Vincent L. Keeran, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution No. 161, adopted by the Ohio Senate, February 16, 2010.

*Vincent L. Keeran
Clerk of the Senate*

*Senator Bill Harris
President of the Senate*

*Senator Thomas F. Patton
Senatorial District No. 24*