

REPRESENTATIVE STEBELTON

*Honoring the Pickerington High School Central boys basketball team
on winning the 2012 Division I State Championship.*

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 129th General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to extend special recognition to the Pickerington High School Central boys basketball team as the 2012 Division I State Champion; and

WHEREAS, Under the capable leadership of Coach Jerry Francis, the Pickerington High School Central boys basketball team has proven to be a talented and superbly conditioned squad and has gained the respect of fans and opponents alike for the spirited and highly motivated play of its members. Throughout the season, each player worked diligently to improve his skills on the hardcourt, and as a result, the Tigers accomplished their goals, bringing home this year's Division I State Championship, their first ever state title, and compiling an impressive 26-2 record; and

WHEREAS, Known as a driven and determined team, the Tigers have developed into a remarkably efficient group of athletes whose skill on the basketball court is equaled only by their exemplary display of teamwork and sportsmanship. They are a credit not only to their families and their school but also to the superb coaching of their mentor, Jerry Francis; and

WHEREAS, The road to victory and a championship title is a difficult one, requiring ability, endurance, teamwork, and a positive attitude on the part of players and coach alike. The members of the Pickerington High School Central boys basketball team have exemplified all of the characteristics that are essential for success both in and out of competition, including courage, discipline, integrity, and good sportsmanship, and their efforts have earned them the admiration of all those who have witnessed these outstanding athletes in action; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 129th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, congratulate the Pickerington High School Central boys basketball team on winning the 2012 Division I State Championship and commend all those associated with this exceptional squad; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Pickerington High School Central boys basketball team.