

**Senator Balderson**

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**RESOLUTION**

Honoring the Ohio University men's basketball team as  
the 2012 Mid-American Conference Champion.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 129th General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate the Ohio University men's basketball team on winning the 2012 Mid-American Conference Championship; and

WHEREAS, Under the capable leadership of Coach John Groce, the Ohio University men's 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 Bobcats brought home this year's MAC Championship, advanced to the Sweet Sixteen of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Tournament, and compiled an impressive 29-8 record; and

WHEREAS, Known as a driven and determined team, the Bobcats 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, John Groce; 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 Ohio University men's 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 Senate of the 129th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, congratulate the Ohio University men's basketball team on winning the 2012 Mid-American Conference Championship and commend all those associated with this exceptional squad; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Ohio University men's basketball team.

I, Vincent L. Keeran, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution No. 240, adopted by the Ohio Senate, April 24, 2012.

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Vincent L. Keeran  
Clerk of the Senate

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Senator Tom Niehaus  
President of the Senate

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Senator Troy Balderson  
Senatorial District No. 20