

**Senator Smith**

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**RESOLUTION**

Honoring the Hathaway Brown High School girls  
basketball team as the 2013 Division II State  
Champion.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 130th General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate the Hathaway Brown High School girls basketball team on winning the 2013 Division II State Championship; and

WHEREAS, A remarkable group of young athletes, the talented members of the Hathaway Brown High School girls basketball team are, indeed, to be heartily commended, for by defeating a strong Millersburg West Holmes team in the finals, they have decisively earned this year's Division II State title and finished the season with a 23-6 record. The 56-44 win by the Blazers reflects an extraordinary collective effort by a gifted group of athletes. Without exception, they had prepared conscientiously in pursuit of victory, devoting countless hours to training and practice in order to ensure peak conditioning, and, clearly, this demanding regimen has paid handsome dividends; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Hathaway Brown High School girls basketball team have epitomized the power, poise, and precision that befit true champions. To his credit, Coach Paul Barlow has guided the squad with unwavering expertise and encouragement, and he merits enthusiastic praise for coaxing admirable performances out of the Blazers in each competitive outing. Despite sometimes grueling pressure, they have consistently maintained their

composure and morale, exhibiting strength, speed, stamina, and agility in every challenging encounter. Time and again, they have risen to the occasion, amply demonstrating their unflagging determination, and their impressive maturity and finesse have gained them widespread respect, even among their most formidable rivals; 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 Senate of the 130th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, applaud the Hathaway Brown High School girls basketball team on its tremendous season and honor the players and coach as outstanding Ohioans; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Hathaway Brown High School girls basketball team.