

**Senator Patton**

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**RESOLUTION**

Honoring the Rocky River High School girls soccer 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 Rocky River High School girls soccer team on winning the 2013 Division II State Championship; and

WHEREAS, A remarkable group of young athletes, the members of the Rocky River High School girls soccer 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 Pirates have worked diligently toward attaining ultimate proficiency in soccer, and as a result, they defeated a tough Granville team by the score of 3-1 to win this year's Division II State Championship, their first such title in school history, and finished the season with an unbeaten 22-0-1 record; and

WHEREAS, The Pirates' achievements and leadership are a justifiable source of pride and an excellent reflection on the players, their families, their school, their community, and their coach. The success of any athletic endeavor depends largely on the ability of the coach to provide both guidance and inspiration, and in leading his team to victory, Coach Patrick Hopkins has not only helped each athlete to develop her talents to the fullest but also instilled in each a valuable sense of determination, perseverance, and camaraderie; 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 exemplary athletes and their outstanding coach for a job well done. The maturity and experience the team members 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, commend the Rocky River High School girls soccer team on its tremendous 2013 season and salute the players and coach as some of Ohio's finest citizens; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Rocky River High School girls soccer team.

I, Vincent L. Keeran, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution No. 248, adopted by the Ohio Senate, January 14, 2014.

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Vincent L. Keeran  
Clerk of the Senate

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Senator Keith Faber  
President of the Senate

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Senator Thomas F. Patton  
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