

A RESOLUTION honoring the Owensboro High School boys' basketball team upon winning the 2015 Kentucky state championship.

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2015, in front of 11,435 fans at historic Rupp Arena in Lexington, Kentucky, Owensboro High School defeated Bowling Green High School to win the championship of the KHSAA Boys' Sweet Sixteen; and

WHEREAS, Owensboro High School was appearing in its record 43rd Sweet Sixteen, but the state title was the school's first since 1980; and

WHEREAS, the contest was also the first time Western Kentucky schools had met in the finals since Edmonson County played Christian County in 1976; and

WHEREAS, after a semifinal that saw Owensboro High School outlast Covington Catholic in overtime, Owensboro dominated the title game, winning by a score of 74-58 and leading from the opening tip; and

WHEREAS, the Red Devils were paced by Sweet Sixteen MVP Justin Miller, who tallied 61 points, 40 rebounds, and 16 assists in the four games of the Sweet Sixteen. Forward Aric Holman totaled 69 points, 42 rebounds, and 18 blocks for the tournament; and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body hereby congratulates Owensboro High School upon winning the 2015 KHSAA Boys' Sweet Sixteen; commends Head Coach Rod Drake, who was a standout on Owensboro's 1980 state championship team; and commends the families, the support staff, and the community of Owensboro who pulled for these young men throughout their careers and were instrumental in the historic success of this basketball team;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. The Senate honors the Owensboro High School boys' basketball team upon winning the 2015 state championship, and grants the graduating seniors the best of

luck as they move on to new chapters in their lives.

➔Section 2. The Senate also honors Owensboro Head Coach Rod Drake, who has now completed the extraordinary feat of winning a state championship as both a player and a coach, and rightfully acknowledges the hard work of Coach Drake's staff and all those who have dedicated their time and talent to helping these young men on and off the court.

➔Section 3. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of the Owensboro High School boys' basketball team.

➔Section 4. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Senator Joe Bowen for delivery.