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**H. R. No. 143**

**Representative Koehler**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring the Wittenberg University men's golf team on  
winning the 2017 NCAA Division III Championship.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 1  
132nd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to extend special 2  
recognition to the Wittenberg University men's golf team as the 3  
2017 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III 4  
Champion; and 5

WHEREAS, A remarkable group of young athletes, the members 6  
of the Wittenberg University men's golf team have combined talent 7  
and competitive spirit with the highest ideals of good 8  
sportsmanship to establish themselves as a truly exceptional 9  
squad. With admirable dedication, members Maxim Boone, Garrett 10  
Brickley, Chris Eigner, Isaac Hartley, Colin Laszlo, Ryan 11  
Mallette, Rahul Ramanathan, Curtis Salmans, Sam Stilwell, Cooper 12  
Taylor, Brennan Whitis, Cameron Willis, and Mark David Wright have 13  
worked diligently toward attaining ultimate proficiency in golf, 14  
and as a result, they compiled a score of 1180 to win their first 15  
NCAA Division III Championship title; and 16

WHEREAS, The Tigers' achievements and leadership are a 17  
justifiable source of pride and an excellent reflection on the 18  
players, their families, their school, their community, and their 19  
coaches. The success of any athletic endeavor depends largely on 20  
the ability of the coaches to provide both guidance and 21  
inspiration, and in leading their team to victory, coaches Jeff 22  
Roope and Andy Bonar have not only helped each athlete to develop 23  
his talents to the fullest but also instilled in each a valuable 24  
sense of determination, perseverance, and camaraderie; and 25

WHEREAS, With athletic competition playing such an important 26  
role in the total education of our young people, we are overjoyed 27

to pay tribute to these exemplary athletes and their outstanding 28  
coaches for a job well done. The maturity and experience the team 29  
members have gained through their participation in sports will 30  
greatly aid them in meeting the challenges of the future; 31  
therefore be it 32

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 33  
Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 34  
this Resolution, applaud the Wittenberg University men's golf team 35  
on its brilliant season and wish its members and coaches continued 36  
success in all of their future endeavors; and be it further 37

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 38  
transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the 39  
Wittenberg University men's golf team. 40