

REPRESENTATIVE MCGREGOR

*Honoring the Wittenberg University women's volleyball team
as the 2011 NCAA Division III Champion.*

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 129th General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate the Wittenberg University women's volleyball team on winning the 2011 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Championship; and

WHEREAS, A remarkable group of athletes, the members of the Wittenberg University women's volleyball 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 Tigers have worked diligently toward attaining ultimate proficiency in volleyball, and as a result, they defeated a tough Christopher Newport University team by the score of 25-21, 25-21, 28-26 to win this year's NCAA Division III Championship, their first national crown and the school's first national title in any sport since 1977; and

WHEREAS, The Tigers' achievements and leadership are a justifiable source of pride and an excellent reflection on the players, their families, their school, their community, and their coaches. The success of any athletic endeavor depends largely on the ability of the coaches to provide both guidance and inspiration, and in leading their team to victory, Coach Paco Labrador and his assistants have 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 coaches 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 House of Representatives of the 129th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend the Wittenberg University women's volleyball team on its tremendous 2011 season and salute the players and coaches as fine citizens; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Wittenberg University women's volleyball team.