

As Adopted by the House

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H. R. No. 298

Representatives Roemer, DeVitis

A RESOLUTION

Honoring James R. France as the winningest coach in Ohio high school football history.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 133rd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate James R. France on his four hundredth win as a head football coach; and

WHEREAS, James France is deserving of high praise, for he has not only served forty-nine seasons as a high school football head coach, forty-eight of those years with the Manchester High School football team, but he has carried himself with the utmost degree of dignity and integrity. Indeed, he has encouraged his players to develop their talents to the fullest and instilled in each a valuable sense of determination, perseverance, camaraderie, and spirit. As a result, he tallied his four hundredth victory with the Panthers' 44-0 win over Rootstown on November 9, 2019, in the Division V regional quarterfinal game; and

WHEREAS, We admire James France's enthusiasm as a football coach and acknowledge that his tireless efforts have inspired countless individuals to establish high aspirations and excel. Since 1971, he has accumulated a 400-128-4 career record, becoming the winningest coach in Ohio high school football history, and his years of service have won him the appreciation of his hard-working athletes, their supportive families, and the whole of the Manchester High School community; and

WHEREAS, James France's exceptional record of personal and professional success stands as a hallmark worthy of emulation, and his accomplishments and leadership are a justifiable source of pride and an excellent reflection on the proud athletic traditions of MHS. We applaud him on his tremendous work, for it has left a

lasting legacy on Ohio high school football; therefore be it 27

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 28
Representatives of the 133rd General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 29
this Resolution, commend James R. France on this remarkable 30
milestone and salute him as a fine Ohio educator, coach, and 31
citizen; and be it further 32

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 33
transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to James R. 34
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