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**H. R. No. 468**

**Representative Hagan**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring the St. Thomas Aquinas High School girls track  
and field team as the 2016 Division III State Champion.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate the St. Thomas Aquinas High School girls track and field team on winning the 2016 Division III State Championship; and

WHEREAS, A remarkable group of young athletes, the members of the St. Thomas Aquinas High School girls track and field 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 Knights have worked diligently toward attaining ultimate proficiency in track and field, and consequently, they scored 60 points to win this year's Division III State Championship, their second consecutive state crown; and

WHEREAS, The Knights' achievements and leadership are a justifiable source of pride and an excellent reflection on the students, 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 Randy Crawford 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 their participation in sports

will greatly aid them in meeting the challenges of the future; 28  
therefore be it 29

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 30  
Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 31  
this Resolution, recognize the St. Thomas Aquinas High School 32  
girls track and field team on its tremendous 2016 season and 33  
salute the members and coach as some of Ohio's finest citizens; 34  
and be it further 35

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 36  
transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the St. 37  
Thomas Aquinas High School girls track and field team. 38