

**As Introduced**

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**S. R. No. 274**

**Senator Oelslager**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring the St. Thomas Aquinas High School girls cross country team as the 2015 Division III State Champion.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate the St. Thomas Aquinas High School girls cross country team on securing the 2015 Division III State Championship; and

WHEREAS, A remarkable group of young athletes, the members of the St. Thomas Aquinas High School girls cross country 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 distance running, and as a result, they won this year's Division III State Championship; 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 Eldon Jones 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;

therefore be it 28

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 131st 29  
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, applaud the 30  
St. Thomas Aquinas High School girls cross country team on its 31  
tremendous 2015 season and salute the members and coach as some of 32  
Ohio's finest citizens; and be it further 33

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 34  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the St. Thomas Aquinas 35  
High School girls cross country team. 36