

**As Introduced**

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**S. R. No. 687**

**Senator Bacon**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring the Gahanna Lincoln High School girls 1,600-meter relay team on securing the 2018 Division I State Championship title

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to commend the Gahanna Lincoln High School girls 1,600-meter relay team on placing first at the 2018 Division I State Meet; and

WHEREAS, Each member of the Gahanna Lincoln High School girls 1,600-meter relay team is an excellent young athlete, and Coach Roger Whittaker has demonstrated remarkable energy, enthusiasm, and dedication in guiding this squad to victory. At this year's Division I State Meet, members Shynae Deas, Joi Bradley, Alexis Thigpen, and Madison Martinez won first place with a brilliant time of 3:47.99, and they are certainly deserving of high praise; and

WHEREAS, Known as a driven, spirited team, the Gahanna Lincoln High School girls 1,600-meter relay team have developed into a remarkably efficient group of athletes whose skill on the track is equaled only by their exemplary display of teamwork and sportsmanship. Indeed, the Lions have established themselves as a truly exceptional squad, and they have emerged as winners both in and out of athletic competition; and

WHEREAS, In an educational system that seeks to teach the future leaders of our state and nation the fundamentals of self-reliance and the rewards of individual and group effort, athletic competition has become a valuable tool. Through their participation in sports, the members of the Gahanna Lincoln High

School girls 1,600-meter relay team have learned lessons of 25  
discipline, perseverance, hard work, and good sportsmanship that 26  
will undoubtedly be of great benefit to them throughout their 27  
lives; therefore be it 28

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 132nd 29  
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, pay tribute 30  
to the Gahanna Lincoln High School girls 1,600-meter relay team as 31  
the Division I State Champion and recognize all those who 32  
contributed to the success of this fine unit; and be it further 33

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 34  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Gahanna Lincoln High 35  
School girls 1,600-meter relay team. 36