

**As Introduced**

**133rd General Assembly  
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**S. R. No. 101**

**Senator O'Brien**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring Ma'Lik Kirksey as a 2019 Ohio Speech and Debate  
Champion.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 133rd General 1  
Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate Ma'Lik Kirksey on 2  
winning the dramatic interpretation category at the 2019 Ohio 3  
Speech and Debate Association State Competition; and 4

WHEREAS, A student at Niles McKinley High School, Ma'Lik 5  
Kirksey has striven to develop his capabilities, and consequently, 6  
he won first place in the dramatic interpretation category at this 7  
year's Ohio Speech and Debate Association State Competition. An 8  
intelligent and motivated individual, he has amply demonstrated 9  
his ability to meet challenges with enthusiasm and confidence and 10  
has displayed an exceptional willingness to work hard to produce 11  
superior results. Through his remarkable efforts to present "Pryor 12  
Convictions: And Other Life Sentences," he has set an example 13  
worthy of emulation; and 14

WHEREAS, With self-discipline, perseverance, and resolve, 15  
Ma'Lik Kirksey has worked diligently to increase his knowledge and 16  
skills. Through his decisive leadership, he has distinguished 17  
himself as a conscientious and responsible young man, and we are 18  
certain that he will continue to display the same unwavering 19  
dedication to excellence for which he has become known; and 20

WHEREAS, Ma'Lik Kirksey's accomplishments are a justifiable 21  
source of pride and an excellent reflection not only on him but 22  
also on his family, his teammates, his coach, Michael Bassett, his 23  
school, and his community. He has exhibited a sincere desire to do 24  
his best in all of his endeavors so that he might fulfill his 25  
goals in the future, and this, coupled with his maturity and 26

initiative, shows his potential to become one of tomorrow's 27  
leaders; therefore be it 28

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 133rd 29  
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend 30  
Ma'Lik Kirksey on his outstanding performance at the 2019 Ohio 31  
Speech and Debate Association State Championship and salute him as 32  
one of Ohio's finest young citizens; and be it further 33

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 34  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to Ma'Lik Kirksey. 35