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H. R. No. 259

Representative Ghanbari

A RESOLUTION

Honoring Marcus Blaze

on placing first at 2023 U-17 World Wrestling Championship.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 135th
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to honor Marcus Blaze on winning
first place in the 55-kilogram weight class in the freestyle
competition at the 2023 U-17 World Wrestling Championship in Istanbul,
Turkey; and

WHEREAS, A junior member of the Perrysburg High School wrestling
team and two-time OHSAA State Champion, Marcus Blaze has combined
talent and competitive spirit with the highest ideals of good
sportsmanship to establish himself as a truly exceptional athlete.
With admirable dedication, he has worked diligently to attain ultimate
proficiency in his sport, and at this year's U-17 World Wrestling
Championship, he ably represented Team USA and won the Gold Medal in
the 55-kilogram weight class of the freestyle competition; and

WHEREAS, Few sports embody the spirit of individual
accomplishment more than wrestling. Athletes such as Marcus Blaze
exemplify the qualities necessary for excellence in any sport,
including discipline, agility, conditioning, and focus. Indeed,
throughout long hours of practice and competition, he has consistently
demonstrated the talent and motivation that are the hallmarks of a
true champion; 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 effort, athletic competition has become a
valuable educational tool. Through his participation in sports, Marcus
Blaze has learned lessons of perseverance, hard work, and fair and
honest competition that will undoubtedly be of great benefit to him

throughout his lifetime; therefore be it 27

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 28
the 135th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 29
congratulate Marcus Blaze on his outstanding performance at the 2023 30
U-17 World Wrestling Championship and extend best wishes for continued 31
success; and be it further 32

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