

**As Offered**

**135th General Assembly  
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**H. R. No. 274**

**Representative Ghanbari**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring Mazie Zepeda and Ellie Garst  
as 2023 IBTF World Champions.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 135th 1  
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate Mazie Zepeda and 2  
Ellie Garst on winning the gold medal in the nation's cup junior duet 3  
category at the 2023 International Baton Twirling Federation World 4  
Championships; and 5

WHEREAS, Mazie Zepeda and Ellie Garst have combined talent and 6  
competitive spirit with the highest ideals of good sportsmanship to 7  
establish themselves as truly exceptional young athletes. Members of 8  
The Sophisticates, the duo worked diligently toward attaining ultimate 9  
proficiency in twirling, and as a result, they won first place in the 10  
nations cup junior duet category at this year's IBTF World 11  
Championships in Liverpool, England; and 12

WHEREAS, Mazie Zepeda's and Ellie Garst's accomplishments and 13  
leadership, both in and out of competition, are a justifiable source 14  
of pride and a fine reflection not only on them but also on their 15  
families, their teammates, their coaches, their club, and their 16  
community. Their unwavering commitment to excellence has earned them 17  
the admiration and esteem of many, and they are certainly worthy of 18  
high praise; and 19

WHEREAS, With athletic competition playing such an important role 20  
in the total education of our young people, we are extremely pleased 21  
to pay tribute to Mazie Zepeda and Ellie Garst on their exemplary 22  
achievement. Indeed, the same maturity and experience they have gained 23  
through their participation in twirling will greatly aid them in 24  
meeting the challenges of the years ahead; therefore be it 25

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 26  
the 135th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 27  
commend Mazie Zepeda and Ellie Garst on their IBTF World Championship 28  
and extend best wishes for a bright and successful future; and be it 29  
further 30

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 31  
a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to Mazie Zepeda and Ellie 32  
Garst. 33