

**As Adopted by the House**

**135th General Assembly  
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**H. R. No. 29**

**Representative McClain**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring the Mount Gilead High School boys cross country team  
as the 2022 Division III State Champion.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 135th 1  
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate the Mount Gilead 2  
High School boys cross country team on securing the 2022 Division III 3  
State Championship title; and 4

WHEREAS, A remarkable group of young athletes, the members of 5  
the Mount Gilead High School boys cross country team have combined 6  
talent and competitive spirit with the highest ideals of good 7  
sportsmanship to establish themselves as a truly exceptional squad. 8  
With admirable dedication, the Indians have worked diligently toward 9  
attaining ultimate proficiency in their sport, and as a result, they 10  
amassed 82 points to win the 2022 Division III State Championship 11  
crown; and 12

WHEREAS, The achievements and leadership of the Indians are a 13  
justifiable source of pride and an excellent reflection on them, their 14  
families, their school, their community, and their coach, Jake Hayes. 15  
The success of any athletic endeavor depends largely on the ability of 16  
the coaches to provide both guidance and inspiration, and in leading 17  
their team to victory, Coach Hayes and his assistants have not only 18  
helped their runners develop their talents to the fullest, but they 19  
have also instilled in them a valuable sense of determination, 20  
perseverance, and camaraderie; and 21

WHEREAS, With athletic competition playing such an important role 22  
in the total education of our young people, we are extremely pleased 23  
to pay tribute to these fine athletes and their outstanding coaches 24  
for a job well done. The maturity and experience the team members have 25  
gained through participation in sports will greatly aid them in 26

meeting the challenges of the future; 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  
commend the Mount Gilead High School boys cross country team on its 30  
tremendous 2022 season and salute the athletes and coaches as some of 31  
Ohio's finest citizens; and be it further 32

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 33  
a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Mount Gilead High 34  
School boys cross country team. 35