

**As Offered**

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**H. R. No. 605**

**Representatives LaRe, Miller, K.**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring Andrew Walton

on winning the 2024 Division II State Cross Country Championship.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 135th  
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to extend special recognition to  
Andrew Walton as the 2024 Division II State Cross Country Champion;  
and

WHEREAS, This accomplishment is truly noteworthy, for Andrew  
Walton has clearly demonstrated his talent and perseverance, as well  
as his mental and physical fortitude as a long distance runner. He won  
this year's Division II State Championship with a time of 15:09.84,  
and he has exemplified all of the characteristics that are essential  
for success both in and out of the sports world, including courage,  
determination, and an innate sense of the principles of good  
sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, In displaying such exceptional prowess as a senior member  
of the Fairfield Union High School cross country team, Andrew Walton  
has earned the appreciation of his fellow athletes, the devotion of  
countless fans, and the respect of even his most determined rivals.  
Competition in athletics has enabled him to learn much about  
dedication and self-discipline, and we take this opportunity to  
acknowledge his exceptional record of achievement; and

WHEREAS, Long distance running is an event that requires  
exceptional stamina and natural ability, and Andrew Walton is to be  
commended for his commitment to this demanding activity. In attaining  
his athletic goals, he has consistently exhibited the skill and  
integrity that are the hallmarks of a true champion; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of

the 135th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 26  
congratulate Andrew Walton on securing the 2024 Division II State 27  
Cross Country Championship and offer best wishes for ongoing success; 28  
and be it further 29

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 30  
a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to Andrew Walton. 31