

**As Offered**

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**H. R. No. 652**

**Representative McClain**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring the Mt. Gilead High School boys cross country team  
as the 2024 Division III State Champion.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 135th  
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate the Mt. Gilead  
High School boys cross country team on winning the 2024 Division III  
State Championship; and

WHEREAS, A remarkable group of young athletes, the members of the  
Mt. Gilead High School boys cross country team have combined talent  
and spirit with the highest ideals of good sportsmanship to establish  
themselves as truly exceptional competitors. With admirable  
dedication, the Indians have worked diligently toward attaining  
ultimate proficiency in their sport, and as a result, they compiled  
109 points to secure the Division III State Championship title for the  
second time in three years; and

WHEREAS, The Indians' achievements and leadership are a  
justifiable source of pride and an excellent reflection on the  
runners, their families, their school, their community, and their  
coach, Jake Hayes. In leading his team to victory, Coach Hayes has not  
only helped the athletes to develop their talents to the fullest but  
also instilled in them a valuable sense of determination,  
perseverance, and camaraderie; and

WHEREAS, With athletic competition playing such an important role  
in the total education of our young people, we are extremely pleased  
to pay tribute to these exemplary athletes and their outstanding coach  
for a job well done. The maturity and experience the team members have  
gained through their participation in sports will greatly aid them in  
meeting the challenges of the future; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 26  
the 135th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 27  
commend the Mt. Gilead High School boys cross country team on its 28  
tremendous season and salute the members and coach as some of Ohio's 29  
finest citizens; and be it further 30

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 31  
a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Mt. Gilead High 32  
School boys cross country team. 33