

As Adopted by the House

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H. R. No. 652

Representative McClain

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