

As Adopted by the Senate

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S. R. No. 309

Senator Gavarone



A RESOLUTION

Honoring Marcus Blaze on winning a 2024 Division I State Wrestling Championship.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 135th General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize Marcus Blaze, a junior at Perrysburg High School, as the 2024 Division I State Wrestling Champion in the 132-pound weight class; and

WHEREAS, Displaying exceptional form, ability, leadership, and dedication during the 2023-24 season, Marcus Blaze has certainly distinguished himself as one of the most talented wrestlers in the State of Ohio. The number one ranked wrestler in the United States, he won a gold medal at the U17 World Championships in Istanbul last summer, and at this year's Division I State Tournament, he pinned four straight opponents to earn his third consecutive state championship title; and

WHEREAS, Marcus Blaze's unwavering commitment to excellence has won him the respect and esteem of many. He has inspired his teammates, thrilled his fans, gained the respect of his opponents, and made his coaches and family very proud; 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 Marcus Blaze on an exemplary season. Indeed, the same maturity and experience he has gained through his participation in wrestling will greatly aid him in meeting the challenges of the future; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 135th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend Marcus Blaze on his personal success and salute him as one of Ohio's finest young

athletes; and be it further 26

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 27
authenticated copy of this Resolution to Marcus Blaze. 28