

As Adopted by the Senate

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S. R. No. 437

Senator Schaffer

A RESOLUTION

Honoring Annette Echikunwoke on securing an Olympic silver medal in the women's hammer throw.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 135th General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to extend special recognition to Annette Echikunwoke on earning a silver medal in the women's hammer throw at the 2024 Olympic Summer Games in Paris; and

WHEREAS, A remarkable individual, Annette Echikunwoke has combined talent and competitive spirit with the highest ideals of good sportsmanship to establish herself as a truly exceptional athlete. With admirable dedication, she has worked diligently toward attaining ultimate proficiency in her event, and as a result, she placed second at this year's Olympic Summer Games in Paris in the women's hammer throw with a top mark of 75.48 meters, making her the first-ever U.S. Olympic medalist in her sport; and

WHEREAS, Annette Echikunwoke's outstanding ability and spirited drive, as well as her strength and tenacity, have distinguished her as a superior competitor, and for her tremendous performance in this year's Olympic Summer Games, she has gained the admiration and respect of all those who have witnessed her in action. Truly, she has proven herself to be one of the finest hammer throwers in the world, and we applaud her fantastic drive and commitment; and

WHEREAS, As a member of the United States Olympic women's track and field team, Annette Echikunwoke has conscientiously applied herself to the quest for excellence as an athlete, training and practicing diligently in order to ensure peak conditioning. Time and again, she has risen to the occasion, maintaining her morale and composure, and she has gained the respect of even her most determined rivals. Clearly, her enthusiastic involvement in sports has enabled

her to learn much about dedication, self-discipline, and leadership, 27
and in the process, her exceptional prowess has made her family, 28
friends, and hometown of Pickerington very proud; therefore be it 29

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 135th General 30
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, congratulate Annette 31
Echikunwoke as a 2024 Olympic silver medalist and salute her as one of 32
Ohio's finest citizens; and be it further 33

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 34
authenticated copy of this Resolution to Annette Echikunwoke. 35