

## As Offered

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**H. R. No. 209**

**Representative Stephens**

### A RESOLUTION

Honoring Derrick Taylor as a 2025 Division II State  
Track and Field Champion.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 136th  
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to pay tribute to Derrick Taylor  
on placing first in the shot put and discus at the 2025 Division II  
State Track and Field Meet; and

WHEREAS, Derrick Taylor's outstanding ability and spirited drive,  
as well as his strength and tenacity, have distinguished him as a  
superior athlete, and during the season, he has gained the respect of  
all those who have witnessed him in action. A senior at South Point  
High School, he has proven himself to be one of the finest athletes in  
Ohio, as evidenced by his first-place throws of 65 feet, 6 inches in  
the shot put and 185 feet, 6 inches in the discus at this year's  
Division II State Track and Field Meet; and

WHEREAS, Few sports embody the spirit of individual accomplishment  
more than track and field, and athletes such as Derrick Taylor  
exemplify the qualities necessary for excellence in any sport,  
including discipline, agility, conditioning, and focus. Indeed, he has  
earned the appreciation of his fellow athletes, the devotion of  
countless fans, and the respect of even his most determined rivals,  
and the numerous honors he has received this season, including being  
named the 2025 Gatorade Ohio Male Track and Field Athlete of the Year,  
are a testament to his remarkable prowess and drive; and

WHEREAS, In an educational system that seeks to teach the future  
leaders of our state and nation the fundamentals of self-reliance and  
the rewards of individual effort, high school athletic competition has  
become a valuable tool. Through his participation in sports, Derrick  
Taylor has learned to meet challenges with enthusiasm and resolve;

therefore be it 27

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 28  
the 136th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 29  
recognize Derrick Taylor on his outstanding achievement at the 2025 30  
Division II State Track and Field Meet and offer best wishes for the 31  
years ahead; and be it further 32

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 33  
a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to Derrick Taylor. 34