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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