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**Representative White, A.**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring the Oakwood High School girls cross country  
team as the 2025 Division III State Champion.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 136th  
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate the Oakwood High  
School girls cross country team on winning the 2025 Division III State  
Championship; and

WHEREAS, A remarkable group of young athletes, the members of the  
Oakwood High School girls 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 Jills have worked diligently toward attaining ultimate  
proficiency in long-distance running, and as a result, they secured  
this year's Division III State Championship crown, the first such  
title in program history; and

WHEREAS, The Jills' 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, Kurt  
Sanford. In leading his team to victory, Coach Sanford 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 136th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 27  
commend the Oakwood High School girls 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 Oakwood High 32  
School girls cross country team. 33