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**H. R. No. 425**

**Representative Russo**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring Natalia Botello as the 2026 NCAA Women's 1  
Saber Champion. 2

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 136th 3  
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to commend Natalia Botello on 4  
winning the 2026 NCAA Championship in the women's saber; and 5

WHEREAS, A diligent and capable individual, Natalia Botello is 6  
deserving of recognition for her exemplary accomplishments as a member 7  
of The Ohio State University women's fencing team. An exceptional 8  
athlete, she placed first in the saber at this year's NCAA 9  
Championships, becoming just the fourth individual champion in the 10  
women's program history, and earning All-American first-team honors, 11  
and her notable record of personal achievement stands as a hallmark 12  
worthy of emulation; and 13

WHEREAS, Through her participation in sports, Natalia Botello has 14  
learned important lessons of perseverance, hard work, and good 15  
sportsmanship that will undoubtedly be of great benefit to her 16  
throughout her life. With her outstanding work, she has inspired 17  
countless people to excel in various areas of endeavor, for which she 18  
is deserving of applause; and 19

WHEREAS, In a society that seeks to teach the future leaders of 20  
our state and nation the fundamentals of self-reliance and the rewards 21  
of individual effort, athletic competition has become a valuable 22  
educational tool. In all of her sports endeavors, Natalia Botello has 23  
overcome a variety of challenges, and we are happy to congratulate 24  
this fine athlete; therefore be it 25

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 26  
the 136th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, pay 27

tribute to Natalia Botello on winning the 2026 NCAA Women's Saber 28  
Championship and extend best wishes for continued success; and be it 29  
further 30

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 31  
a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to Natalia Botello. 32