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# A R E S O L U T I O N

Honoring the Liberty Center High School girls cross country team on winning the 2026 Division IV State Championship.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 136th General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize the Liberty Center High School girls cross country team as the 2026 Division IV State Champion; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Liberty Center High School girls cross country team are exemplary athletes, and they have shown themselves to be truly exceptional competitors. During the 2026 season, the Tigers compiled 112 points to win the 2026 Division IV State Championship, their first such title in thirteen years. The unwavering commitment of the runners and coaches has earned them the esteem of many, and they are certainly deserving of high praise; and

WHEREAS, Coach Ken Barnes has demonstrated remarkable energy, enthusiasm, and dedication in guiding the Liberty Center High School girls cross country team to victory, and his skill is reflected in the squad's outstanding accomplishments. Due largely to his tireless efforts, the Tigers have distinguished themselves on the course, and he has received respect and admiration from all who know him; 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 and group effort, athletic competition has become a valuable tool. By taking part in sports, the members of the Liberty Center High School girls cross country team have gained discipline and perseverance that will help them in all aspects of their lives; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 136th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, pay tribute to the Liberty Center High School girls cross country team as the 2026 Division IV State Champion and honor all those who contributed to the success of this fine squad; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Liberty Center High School girls cross country team.