

As Adopted by the Senate

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S. R. No. 314

Senators Brenner, Craig

A RESOLUTION

Honoring Joel Welch on placing first at the 2026 1
Division II State Wrestling Championship. 2

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 136th General Assembly 3
of Ohio are pleased to pay tribute to Joel Welch as the 2026 Division 4
II State Wrestling Champion in the 165-pound weight class; and 5

WHEREAS, Joel Welch is deserving of high praise for his 6
outstanding ability and spirited drive, as well as his quickness and 7
tenacity, which have distinguished him as a superior athlete and a 8
standout member of the St. Francis DeSales High School wrestling team. 9
He practiced diligently in preparation for the Division II State Meet, 10
where he won first place in the 165-pound weight class, and to his 11
credit, he has gained the admiration and respect of all those who have 12
witnessed him in action; and 13

WHEREAS, Few sports embody the spirit of individual accomplishment 14
more than wrestling, and athletes such as Joel Welch exemplify the 15
qualities necessary for excellence in any sport, including discipline, 16
agility, conditioning, and focus. Indeed, throughout long hours of 17
competition, he has consistently demonstrated the talent and 18
motivation that are the hallmarks of a true champion; and 19

WHEREAS, In an educational system that seeks to teach the future 20
leaders of our state and nation the fundamentals of self-reliance and 21
the rewards of individual effort, high school athletic competition has 22
become a valuable tool. Through his participation in sports, Joel 23
Welch has learned lessons of perseverance, hard work, and fair and 24
honest competition that will undoubtedly be of great benefit to him 25
throughout his lifetime; therefore be it 26

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 136th General 27

Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, congratulate Joel Welch 28
on his outstanding performance in state competition and extend best 29
wishes for continued success; and be it further 30

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 31
authenticated copy of this Resolution to Joel Welch. 32