

# As Adopted by the Senate

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Senator Blackshear

## A RESOLUTION

Honoring Yariel Soto Torrado as a gold medalist at 1  
the 2026 Central American and Caribbean Games. 2

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 136th General Assembly 3  
of Ohio are pleased to extend special recognition to Yariel Soto 4  
Torrado on earning the gold medal in the decathlon at the 2026 Central 5  
American and Caribbean Games in Santo Domingo; and 6

WHEREAS, A 2019 graduate of Centerville High School and a 7  
representative of Puerto Rico at this year's Central American and 8  
Caribbean Games, Yariel Soto Torrado has combined talent and 9  
competitive spirit with the highest ideals of good sportsmanship to 10  
establish himself as a truly exceptional athlete. With admirable 11  
dedication, he has worked diligently to attain ultimate proficiency in 12  
his demanding athletic endeavors, and his tenacity and skill secured 13  
him an astonishing 7,884 points to be crowned the decathlon champion; 14  
and 15

WHEREAS, Yariel Soto Torrado's outstanding strength, ability, and 16  
drive have distinguished him as a superior competitor, and he has 17  
gained the support and respect of all those who witnessed his 18  
tremendous performance at this year's Central American and Caribbean 19  
Games. Truly, he has proven himself to be one of the finest athletes 20  
in the world, and we applaud the success he has achieved through his 21  
resolve and dedication; and 22

WHEREAS, Yariel Soto Torrado has conscientiously applied himself 23  
to the quest for excellence as an athlete, training and practicing 24  
diligently in order to ensure peak conditioning, and he has risen to 25  
the occasion by maintaining his morale and composure in competition 26  
against his most determined opponents. His resolve for physical 27  
aptitude has enabled him to learn much about resilience, 28

self-discipline, and leadership, and in the process, his exceptional 29  
prowess has made his family, friends, and hometown very proud; 30  
therefore be it 31

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 136th General 32  
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, congratulate Yariel 33  
Soto Torrado as the decathlon gold medalist at the 2026 Central 34  
American and Caribbean Games and salute him as one of Ohio's finest 35  
citizens; and be it further 36

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 37  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to Yariel Soto Torrado. 38