

As Adopted by the Senate

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S. R. No. 58

Senator McColley

A RESOLUTION

Honoring Edward Kessen on placing first at the 2025
Division III State Wrestling Championship.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 136th General Assembly
of Ohio are pleased to pay tribute to Edward Kessen as the 2025
Division III State Wrestling Champion in the 138-pound weight class;
and

WHEREAS, Edward Kessen is deserving of high praise for his
outstanding ability and spirited drive, as well as his quickness and
tenacity, which have distinguished him as a superior athlete and a
standout member of the Delphos St. John High School wrestling team.
Securing the first state championship in his school's history, he
amassed a 2024-2025 season record of 46-5 and practiced diligently in
preparation for the Division III State Wrestling Championship meet,
where he won first place in the 138-pound weight class. To his credit,
he has gained the admiration and respect of all those who have
witnessed him in action; and

WHEREAS, Few sports embody the spirit of individual accomplishment
more than wrestling, and athletes such as Edward Kessen exemplify the
qualities necessary for excellence in any sport, including discipline,
agility, conditioning, and focus. Indeed, throughout long hours of
competition, he has consistently demonstrated the talent and
motivation that are the hallmarks of a true champion; 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 effort, high school athletic competition has
become a valuable tool. Through his participation in sports, Edward
Kessen has learned lessons of perseverance, hard work, and fair and
honest competition that will undoubtedly be of great benefit to him

throughout his lifetime; therefore be it 27

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 136th General 28
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, congratulate Edward 29
Kessen on his outstanding performance in state competition and extend 30
best wishes for continued success; and be it further 31

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 32
authenticated copy of this Resolution to Edward Kessen. 33