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**Representatives DeVitis, Hall**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring Andrew Newman as a world jiu jitsu champion.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to commend Andrew Newman on winning a gold medal at the 2015 World Council of Ju-Jitsu Organisations World Sport Ju-jitsu and Grappling Championships; and

WHEREAS, A student at the Cuyahoga Falls Team USA Training Center for Martial Arts, Andrew Newman has combined talent and competitive spirit with the highest ideals of good sportsmanship to establish himself as a truly exceptional athlete. With admirable dedication, he has worked diligently toward attaining ultimate proficiency in the martial arts, and as a result, he won gold medals in gi jiu jitsu and no gi jiu jitsu and a silver medal in jiu jitsu kumite at this year's United States Ju-Jitsu Federation National Championships and World Jiu-Jitsu Confederation International Championships and qualified for the 2015 World Council of Ju-Jitsu Organisations World Sport Ju-jitsu and Grappling Championships, where he won a gold medal in grappling and a bronze medal in sport jiu jitsu; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Newman's accomplishments and leadership, both in and out of competition, are a justifiable source of pride and an outstanding reflection not only on him but also on his family, his teammates, his coaches, his gym, and his community. His unwavering commitment to excellence has earned him the respect and esteem of many, and he is certainly worthy of recognition; and

WHEREAS, With athletic competition playing such an important role in the development of role models for our young people, we are extremely pleased to pay tribute to Andrew Newman on his success. Indeed, the same responsibility and experience he has

gained through his participation in jiu jitsu will greatly aid him 29  
in meeting the challenges of the future; therefore be it 30

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 31  
Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 32  
this Resolution, applaud Andrew Newman for exemplary athletic 33  
achievement and salute him as a fine Ohioan; and be it further 34

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 35  
transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to Andrew 36  
Newman. 37