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Representative Hagan

A RESOLUTION

Honoring the University of Mount Union football team on
winning the 2015 NCAA Division III Championship.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 1
131st General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to extend special 2
recognition to the University of Mount Union football team as the 3
2015 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III 4
Champion; and 5

WHEREAS, The talented University of Mount Union football 6
team is to be heartily commended, for by defeating the St. Thomas 7
Tommies in the 43rd Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl, it has decisively 8
earned the 2015 NCAA Division III Championship. The 49-35 victory 9
of the Purple Raiders, which capped a perfect 15-0 season, 10
reflects an outstanding collective effort by a gifted group of 11
athletes. Without exception, they had prepared conscientiously in 12
pursuit of their twelfth national crown, devoting countless hours 13
to training and practice in order to ensure peak conditioning, and 14
clearly, this demanding regimen has paid handsome dividends; and 15

WHEREAS, The members of the University of Mount Union 16
football team have epitomized the power, poise, and precision that 17
befit true champions. To their credit, Coach Vince Kehres and his 18
assistants have guided the squad with unwavering expertise and 19
encouragement, and they merit enthusiastic praise for coaxing 20
admirable performances out of the Purple Raiders in each 21
competitive outing. Despite sometimes grueling pressure, they have 22
consistently maintained their composure and morale, exhibiting 23
strength, speed, stamina, and agility in every challenging 24
encounter. Time and again, they have risen to the occasion, amply 25
demonstrating their unflagging determination, and their impressive 26
maturity and finesse have gained them widespread respect, even 27

among their most formidable rivals; and 28

WHEREAS, By weathering a rigorous schedule and prevailing 29
over a host of adversaries, the members of the University of Mount 30
Union football team have learned much about dedication, self- 31
discipline, leadership, and perseverance. Their first-place finish 32
is a measure of their stalwart commitment to the sport, and their 33
indomitable spirit has made their families, friends, and coaches 34
extremely proud. This triumph attests to the staunch resolve of 35
these young men, and it signifies the acquisition of valuable 36
experience that is sure to benefit them in later life; therefore 37
be it 38

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 39
Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 40
this Resolution, applaud the University of Mount Union football 41
team on its brilliant season and wish its members and coaches 42
continued success in all of their future endeavors; and be it 43
further 44

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 45
transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the 46
University of Mount Union football team. 47