

**As Adopted by the Senate**

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**S. R. No. 319**

**Senator Oelslager**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring the University of Mount Union football team as  
the 2015 NCAA Division III National Champion.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 131st General 1  
Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate the University of 2  
Mount Union football team on winning the 2015 National Collegiate 3  
Athletic Association Division III Championship; and 4

WHEREAS, A remarkable group of young athletes, the members of 5  
the University of Mount Union football team have combined talent 6  
and competitive spirit with the highest ideals of good 7  
sportsmanship to establish themselves as a truly exceptional 8  
squad. With admirable dedication, the Purple Raiders have worked 9  
diligently toward attaining ultimate proficiency in their sport, 10  
and as a result, they defeated a tough St. Thomas team by the 11  
score of 49-35 to win this year's NCAA Division III National 12  
Championship, their twelfth such title in school history; and 13

WHEREAS, The achievements and leadership of the Purple 14  
Raiders are a justifiable source of pride and an excellent 15  
reflection on them, their families, their school, their community, 16  
and their coach, Vince Kehres. The success of any athletic 17  
endeavor depends largely on the ability of the coaches to provide 18  
both guidance and inspiration, and in leading their team to 19  
victory, Coach Kehres and his assistants have not only helped each 20  
player to develop his talents to the fullest, but they have also 21  
instilled in each a valuable sense of determination, perseverance, 22  
camaraderie, and school spirit; and 23

WHEREAS, With athletic competition playing such an important 24  
role in the total education of our young people, we are extremely 25  
pleased to pay tribute to these fine athletes and their 26  
outstanding coaches for a job well done. The maturity and 27

experience the players have gained through participation in sports 28  
will greatly aid them in meeting the challenges of the future; 29  
therefore be it 30

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 131st 31  
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend the 32  
University of Mount Union football team on its tremendous 2015 33  
season and salute the players and coaches as fine citizens; and be 34  
it further 35

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 36  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the University of Mount 37  
Union football team. 38