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Representative Hagan

A RESOLUTION

Honoring the University of Mount Union football team as
the 2017 NCAA Division III Champion.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 1
132nd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to applaud the 2
University of Mount Union football team on securing the 2017 NCAA 3
Division III Championship; and 4

WHEREAS, The talented University of Mount Union football 5
team is to be heartily commended, for by defeating a tough Mary 6
Hardin-Baylor team by the score of 12-0, it has decisively claimed 7
the 2017 NCAA Division III Championship title and won its 8
thirteenth such title in program history. The victory of the 9
Purple Raiders reflects a remarkable collective effort by a gifted 10
group of athletes. Without exception, they had prepared 11
conscientiously in pursuit of the crown, devoting countless hours 12
to training and practice in order to ensure peak conditioning, and 13
clearly, this demanding regimen has paid handsome dividends; and 14

WHEREAS, The members of the University of Mount Union 15
football team have epitomized the power, poise, and precision that 16
befit true champions. To their credit, Coach Vince Kehres and his 17
assistants have guided the squad with unwavering expertise and 18
encouragement, and they merit enthusiastic praise for coaxing 19
admirable performances out of the Purple Raiders in each 20
competitive outing. Despite sometimes grueling pressure, they have 21
consistently maintained their composure and morale, exhibiting 22
strength, speed, stamina, and agility in every challenging 23
encounter. Time and again, they have risen to the occasion, amply 24
demonstrating their unflagging determination, and their impressive 25
maturity and finesse have gained them widespread respect, even 26

among their most formidable rivals; and 27

WHEREAS, With athletic competition playing such an important 28
role in the total education of our young people, we are extremely 29
pleased to pay tribute to these exemplary athletes and their 30
outstanding coaches for a job well done. The maturity and 31
experience the team members have gained through their 32
participation in college sports will greatly aid them in meeting 33
the challenges of the future; therefore be it 34

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 35
Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 36
this Resolution, salute the University of Mount Union football 37
team as the 2017 NCAA Division III Champion and extend best wishes 38
for continued success; and be it further 39

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 40
transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the 41
University of Mount Union football team. 42