

As Adopted by the Senate

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S. R. No. 401

Senator Oelslager

A RESOLUTION

Honoring the University of Mount Union football team for
winning the 2017 NCAA Division III Championship.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 132nd General
Assembly of Ohio are pleased to pay tribute to the University of
Mount Union football team on securing the 2017 National Collegiate
Athletic Association Division III Championship; and

WHEREAS, Under the capable leadership of Head Coach Vince
Kehres, the University of Mount Union football team has proven to
be a talented and superbly conditioned squad and has gained the
respect of fans and opponents alike for the spirited and highly
motivated play of its members. Throughout the season, each player
worked diligently to improve his skills on the gridiron, and as a
result, the Purple Raiders accomplished their goals, outscoring
the team from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor by the score of
12-0 to bring home the 2017 NCAA Division III Championship, their
thirteenth such title in program history, and compiling a perfect
15-0 record; and

WHEREAS, Known as a driven and determined team, the Mount
Union Purple Raiders have developed into a remarkably efficient
group of athletes whose skill on the football field is equaled
only by their exemplary display of teamwork and sportsmanship.
They are a credit not only to their families and their school but
also to the superb coaching of their mentor, Vince Kehres; and

WHEREAS, The road to victory and a championship title is a
difficult one, requiring ability, endurance, teamwork, and a
positive attitude on the part of players and coaches alike. The
members of the University of Mount Union football team have
exemplified all of the characteristics that are essential for

success both in and out of competition, including courage, 27
discipline, integrity, and good sportsmanship, and their efforts 28
have earned them the admiration of all those who have witnessed 29
these outstanding athletes in action; therefore be it 30

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 132nd 31
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 32
congratulate the University of Mount Union football team as the 33
2017 NCAA Division III Champion and commend all those associated 34
with this exceptional squad; and be 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