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Senator Eklund

A RESOLUTION

Honoring the Kirtland High School football team on winning
the 2018 Division VI State Championship

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 132nd General
Assembly of Ohio are pleased to pay tribute to the Kirtland High
School football team as the 2018 Division VI State Champion; and

WHEREAS, Each member of the Kirtland High School football
team is an excellent young athlete, and Coach Tiger LaVerde and
his assistants, Dean Morrison, Jeff Eckles, Ryan Beeleer,
John Lipps, Jeff Wilcox, and Ray Sullivan, have demonstrated
remarkable energy, enthusiasm, and dedication in guiding this
squad to victory. This season, the Hornets marched to an
undefeated record and won the fourth state title in program
history, and the unwavering commitment of the members and their
coach has earned them this prestigious distinction. They are
certainly deserving of high praise; and

WHEREAS, Team members Mason Sullivan, Jake Neibecker, Dawson
Cosgrove, Joe Torok, Dominic Capretta, Connor Gron, Luke Camino,
Zach Samsa, Ethan Jernejcic, Louie Loncar, Jonathon Ridgeway, Mike
Rus, Tommy Powers, Ramon Lescano, Liam Powers, Anthony DeMarco,
Joey Grazia, Joey Mongelluzzi, Tommy Drazetic, Gage Sullivan,
Michael Bottesch, Jonathan Withrow, Carson Andonian, Joseph
Coleman, Mason Rus, Danny Davidson, Liam Kessler, Luke Gardner,
Kaleb Stephenson, Finn Alexy, Nico Clayton, Scott Haymer, Luke
Gogolin, Nico Podojil-Sches, Brad Davis, Nick Schwartz, Tyler
Parsson, Pierce Boyd, Angelo Blasini, Jaymes Torok, Nate
Fellinger, Robert Laney, Mason Vermilye, Austin Fulco, Logan
Snodell, Brayden Adkins, Kristian Grman, Joe Santilli, Patrick
Frato, Jacob Malvicino, Brannon Braud, Alexander Lanza, Kelly

Faber, Andrew Demarco, Kory Dages, Jess Gerbracht, Alex Fellingner, 27
Mike Alfieri, Kalid Alabsi, Jack Bailey, Anthony Allen, Vince 28
Debeljak, Anthony Gencarelli, Logan Potosky, Anthony Blasini, 29
Mario Rodin, and TJ Green have emerged as winners both in and out 30
of athletic competition. Tiger LaVerde's skill as a coach is 31
reflected in their outstanding success, and due largely to his 32
tireless efforts, he has earned the respect and admiration of all 33
who know him; and 34

WHEREAS, In an educational system that seeks to teach the 35
future leaders of our state and nation the fundamentals of self- 36
reliance and the rewards of individual and group effort, athletic 37
competition has become a valuable tool. Through their 38
participation in sports, the members of the Kirtland High School 39
football team have learned lessons of discipline, perseverance, 40
hard work, and good sportsmanship that will undoubtedly be of 41
great benefit to them throughout their lives; therefore be it 42

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 132nd 43
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, applaud the 44
Kirtland High School football team as the 2018 Division VI State 45
Champion and recognize all those who contributed to the success of 46
this fine squad; and be it further 47

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 48
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Kirtland High School 49
football team. 50