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**S. R. No. 481**

**Senator Eklund**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring the Kirtland High School football team on winning  
the 2019 Division V State Championship.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 133rd General 1  
Assembly of Ohio are pleased to honor the Kirtland High School 2  
football team as the 2019 Division V State Champion; and 3

WHEREAS, The talented members of the Kirtland High School 4  
football team are, indeed, to be heartily commended, for they have 5  
decisively earned this year's Division V State title. Without 6  
exception, Mason Sullivan, Joey Grazia, Ramon Lescano, Philip 7  
LaVerde, Finn Alexy, Tommy Gogolin, Brad Davis, Zach Samsa, Scott 8  
Haymer, Louie Loncar, Jonathon Ridgeway, Mike Rus, Liam Powers, 9  
Luke Chuko, Pierce Boyd, Anthony DeMarco, Joey Mongelluzzi, Tommy 10  
Drazetic, Gage Sullivan, Bobby Whittaker, Carson Andonian, Joseph 11  
Coleman, Mason Rus, Danny Davidson, Liam Kessler, Luke Gardner, 12  
Kaleb Stephenson, Mitch Carestio, Ian Borthwick, Nico Clayton, 13  
Ryan Miracle, Luke Gogolin, Nico Podojil, Nick Schwartz, Ricky 14  
Lessick, Angelo Blasini, Jaymes Torok, Nate Fellingner, Robert 15  
Laney, Kristian Grman, Logan Snodell, Brayden Adkins, Brennon 16  
Braud, Joe Santilli, Jacob Malvicino, Mason Vermilye, Kelly Faber, 17  
Blake Springer, Kory Dages, Jess Gerbracht, Alex Fellingner, Greg 18  
Ihnat, Mike Alfieri, George Prusock, Joe Pekar, Daven Patel, Vince 19  
Debeljak, Anthony Gencarelli, Jonathan Withrow, Jared Simon, 20  
Anthony Blasini, and Mario Rodin had prepared conscientiously in 21  
pursuit of their goal, devoting countless hours to training and 22  
practice in order to ensure peak conditioning, and clearly, this 23  
demanding regimen has paid handsome dividends; and 24

WHEREAS, The members of the Kirtland High School football 25  
team have epitomized the power, poise, and precision that befit 26

true champions. To their credit, Coach Tiger LaVerde and his 27  
assistants, Ray Sullivan, Ryan Beeler, Dean Morrison, Jeff Eckles, 28  
John Lipps, Jeff Wilcox, and Rossi Santo, have guided the squad 29  
with unwavering expertise and encouragement, and they merit 30  
enthusiastic praise for coaxing admirable performances out of the 31  
Hornets in each competitive outing. Despite sometimes grueling 32  
pressure, they have consistently maintained their composure and 33  
morale, exhibiting strength, speed, stamina, and agility in every 34  
challenging encounter. Time and again, they have risen to the 35  
occasion, amply demonstrating their unflagging determination, and 36  
their impressive maturity and finesse have earned them widespread 37  
respect, even among their most formidable rivals; and 38

WHEREAS, By weathering a rigorous schedule and prevailing 39  
over a host of adversaries, the members of the Kirtland High 40  
School football team have learned much about dedication, self- 41  
discipline, leadership, and perseverance. Their championship 42  
finish is a measure of their stalwart commitment to the sport, and 43  
their indomitable spirit has made their families, friends, and 44  
coaches incredibly proud. This triumph attests to the staunch 45  
resolve of these young men, and it signifies the acquisition of 46  
valuable experience that is sure to benefit them in later life; 47  
therefore be it 48

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 133rd 49  
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, applaud the 50  
Kirtland High School football team for its brilliant season and 51  
wish its members and coaches continued success in all of their 52  
future endeavors; and be it further 53

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 54  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Kirtland High School 55  
football team. 56