

**As Introduced**

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**S. R. No. 40**

**Senator McColley**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring the Van Wert High School football team as the  
2020 Division IV State Champion.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 134th General Assembly  
of Ohio are pleased to congratulate the Van Wert High School football  
team on winning the 2020 Division IV State Championship; and

WHEREAS, A remarkable group of young athletes, the members of the  
Van Wert High School football team have combined talent and  
competitive spirit with the highest ideals of good sportsmanship to  
establish themselves as a truly exceptional squad. With admirable  
dedication, the Cougars have worked diligently toward attaining  
ultimate proficiency in their sport, and as a result, they defeated a  
tough Lake Catholic High School team by the score of 31-28 to win the  
2020 Division IV State Championship, their first such title in one  
hundred nine years; and

WHEREAS, The achievements and leadership of the Van Wert High  
School football team are a justifiable source of pride and an  
excellent reflection on them, their families, their school, their  
community, and their coach, Keith Recker. The success of any athletic  
endeavor depends largely on the ability of the coaches to provide both  
guidance and inspiration, and in leading their team to victory, Coach  
Recker and his assistants have not only helped each player to develop  
his talents to the fullest, but they have also instilled in each a  
valuable sense of determination, perseverance, and camaraderie; and

WHEREAS, With athletic competition playing such an important role  
in the total education of our young people, we are extremely pleased  
to pay tribute to the fine athletes on the Van Wert High School  
football team and their outstanding coaches for a job well done. The  
maturity and experience the players have gained through participation

in sports will greatly aid them in meeting the challenges of the 27  
future; therefore be it 28

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 134th General 29  
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend the Van Wert 30  
High School football team on its tremendous 2020 season and salute the 31  
players and coaches as some of Ohio's finest citizens; and be it 32  
further 33

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 34  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Van Wert High School 35  
football team. 36