

**As Offered**

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**H. R. No. 233**

**Representative Lightbody**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring the Gahanna Lincoln High School girls track and field team  
on winning the 2023 Division I State Championship.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 135th 1  
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to commend the Gahanna Lincoln 2  
High School girls track and field team on securing the 2023 Division I 3  
State Championship; and 4

WHEREAS, Under the capable leadership of Coach Roger Whittaker, 5  
the members of the Gahanna Lincoln High School girls track and field 6  
team have proven to be a talented and superbly conditioned squad and 7  
have gained the esteem of fans and opponents alike for their spirited 8  
and highly motivated performance. Throughout the season, the Golden 9  
Lions worked diligently to improve their skills, and as a result, they 10  
accomplished their goal, compiling 50 points to bring home the 11  
Division I State Championship title; and 12

WHEREAS, Known as a driven and determined team, the Gahanna 13  
Lincoln Golden Lions have developed into a remarkably efficient group 14  
of athletes whose skill in track and field is equaled only by their 15  
exemplary display of teamwork and sportsmanship. They are a credit not 16  
only to their families and their school but also to the superb 17  
coaching of their mentor, Roger Whittaker; and 18

WHEREAS, The road to victory and a championship title is a 19  
difficult one, requiring ability, endurance, teamwork, and a positive 20  
attitude on the part of students and coaches alike. The members of the 21  
Gahanna Lincoln High School girls track and field team have 22  
exemplified all of the characteristics that are essential for success 23  
both in and out of competition, including courage, discipline, 24  
integrity, and good sportsmanship, and their efforts have earned them 25  
the admiration of all those who have witnessed these outstanding 26

athletes in action; therefore be it 27

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 28  
the 135th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 29  
recognize the Gahanna Lincoln High School girls track and field team 30  
on winning the 2023 Division I State Championship and congratulate all 31  
those associated with this exceptional squad; and be it further 32

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 33  
a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Gahanna Lincoln 34  
High School girls track and field team. 35