

As Adopted by the House

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H. R. No. 386

Representative Young, T.



A RESOLUTION

Honoring Matt Somerlot on being inducted into the
2024 Ohio Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 135th
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate Matt Somerlot on
being selected as a 2024 inductee into the Ohio Association of Track
and Cross Country Coaches Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Matt Somerlot is, indeed, deserving of this prestigious
distinction, which has been accorded to him in recognition of his
numerous coaching accomplishments. A former track and field thrower at
Centerville High School, he commenced his tenure at his alma mater as
an assistant track and field coach in 1996, becoming the head boys
track coach in 2000 and also the head girls track coach in 2015, and
he has also assisted the cross country programs for several seasons.
Over the years, he has guided his track and field teams to thirteen
Greater Western Ohio Conference championships, twenty-five district
titles, and four regional crowns as well as numerous individuals to
state championships and awards, and he has been named the Greater
Western Ohio Conference Coach of the Year eleven times and the
District 13 Coach of the Year in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Matt Somerlot's exceptional record of personal and
professional success stands as a hallmark worthy of emulation, and he
has inspired countless people to excel in numerous areas of endeavor.
As a coach, he has demonstrated remarkable energy, enthusiasm, and
dedication in leading his teams, and in so doing, he has not only
encouraged his athletes to develop their talents to the fullest but
also instilled in each a valuable sense of determination,
perseverance, camaraderie, and school spirit; and

WHEREAS, The respect and admiration which Matt Somerlot has earned

throughout his lifetime are clearly evident. His achievements and 27
leadership are a justifiable source of pride and an excellent 28
reflection on him, his family, his athletes, his school, and his 29
community; therefore be it 30

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 31
the 135th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 32
commend Matt Somerlot on his induction into the 2024 Ohio Association 33
of Track and Cross Country Coaches Hall of Fame and salute him as one 34
of Ohio's finest citizens; and be it further 35

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 36
a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to Matt Somerlot. 37