

**As Adopted by the House**

**135th General Assembly  
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**H. R. No. 514**

**Representative Cutrona**



**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring the Austintown Fitch High School softball team  
on winning the 2024 Division I State Championship.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 135th  
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize the Austintown Fitch  
High School softball team as the 2024 Division I State Champion; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Austintown Fitch High School softball  
team are exemplary athletes, and they have shown themselves to be  
truly exceptional competitors. During the 2024 season, the Falcons  
overcame the Watkins Memorial squad by a score of 4-0 to win the  
Division I State Championship, their second consecutive state crown,  
and finish the season with an impressive 23-1 record. The unwavering  
commitment of the players and coaches has earned them the esteem of  
many, and they are deserving of acknowledgement; and

WHEREAS, Coach Steven Ward has demonstrated remarkable energy,  
enthusiasm, and dedication in guiding the Austintown Fitch High School  
softball team to victory, and his skill is reflected in the squad's  
outstanding accomplishments. Due largely to his tireless efforts, the  
members have distinguished themselves on the diamond, and he has  
received respect and admiration from all who know him; and

WHEREAS, In an educational system that seeks to teach the future  
leaders of our state and nation the fundamentals of self-reliance and  
the rewards of individual and group effort, athletic competition has  
become a valuable tool. By taking part in sports, the members of the  
Austintown Fitch High School softball team have gained the discipline  
and perseverance that will help them in all aspects of their lives;  
therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of

the 135th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, pay 26  
tribute to the Austintown Fitch High School softball team as the 2024 27  
Division I State Champion and honor all those who contributed to the 28  
success of this fine squad; and be it further 29

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 30  
a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Austintown Fitch 31  
High School softball team. 32