

**As Introduced**

**135th General Assembly  
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**S. R. No. 175**

**Senator Rulli**

**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring the Austintown Fitch High School softball team as  
the 2023 Division I State Champion.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 135th General Assembly  
of Ohio are pleased to congratulate the Austintown Fitch High School  
softball team on winning the 2023 Division I State Championship; and

WHEREAS, A remarkable group of young athletes, the members of the  
Austintown Fitch High School softball 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, players Madi Beaudis, McKenna Hogan, Laura Lanterman,  
Ashlee McLean, Caitlin Mitchell, Samantha Heinz, Ayla Ray, Madison  
Haynie, Tina Montgomery, Samantha Severn, Rachel Spalding, Sydnie  
Watts, Julia Wileman, Jeweliana Farmer, Kylie Folkwein, Morgan Roby,  
Lily Stevens, Miley Summerville, and Abby Toth have worked diligently  
toward attaining ultimate proficiency in softball, and as a result,  
the Falcons defeated a tough Anthony Wayne team by the score of 6-1 to  
win this year's Division I State crown; and

WHEREAS, The Falcons' achievements and leadership are a  
justifiable source of pride and an excellent reflection on the  
players, their families, their school, their community, and their  
coach, Steven Ward. In leading their team to victory, Coach Ward and  
his assistants have not only helped the athletes to develop their  
talents to the fullest but also instilled in them 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 these exemplary athletes and their outstanding  
coaches for a job well done. The maturity and experience the team

members have gained through their participation in sports will greatly 27  
aid them in meeting the challenges of the future; therefore be it 28

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 135th General 29  
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend the Austintown 30  
Fitch High School softball team on its tremendous 2023 season and 31  
salute the players and coaches as some of Ohio's finest citizens; and 32  
be it further 33

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 34  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Austintown Fitch High 35  
School softball team. 36