

House Resolution 1638

By: Representatives Crawford of the 84th, Drenner of the 85th, Evans of the 89th, and Oliver of the 82nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Decatur High School girls cross country team for winning the 2023
2 GHSA State Cross Country Championship; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Decatur High School girls cross country team has established and
4 maintained a proud tradition of excellence with equal emphases on character and academics;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, excellent play, superior teamwork, and extraordinary resilience made this team
7 a spectacular one to observe throughout the season, and as a fitting finale to its remarkable
8 2023 campaign, the team captured its fifth state cross country championship in five years;
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10 WHEREAS, the team brought special recognition to its school by winning the 2023 GHSA
11 State Cross Country Championship with a final score of 54 points, 22 points ahead of the
12 runner-up team; and

13 WHEREAS, the phenomenal performance of the team is a clear indication of the outstanding
14 athletic ability, dedication, hard work, and unity of purpose and spirit of each member of the
15 team; its superb talents; and the astute direction of Head Coach Mary Souther; and

16 WHEREAS, this all-star team included Anna Blaich, Sage Chatham-Stephens, Sophie
17 D'Elena, Penelope Goebel, Ily Herman, Anna Lothridge, Maya Mikrut, Averill Payne, Leah
18 Robertson, Olivia Sawyer, Kate Sherwood, and Maggie Welp; and

19 WHEREAS, as this magnificent team earned its well-deserved reputation for excellence by
20 performing with courage and precision over months of training and competition, it is
21 abundantly proper to call them champions.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body congratulate the Decatur High School girls cross country team for
24 winning the 2023 GHSA State Cross Country Championship and extend best wishes for their
25 continued success.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
28 Decatur High School girls cross country team.