## REPRESENTATIVES SLESNICK - OELSLAGER

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Ohio:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 128th General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to extend special recognition to Kandace Thomas on winning the 2009 Division I State Track and Field Championship in the 100-meter dash; and

WHEREAS, A sophomore at GlenOak High School, Kandace Thomas has combined talent and competitive spirit with the highest ideals of good sportsmanship to establish herself as a truly exceptional young athlete. With admirable dedication, she has worked diligently toward attaining ultimate proficiency in track and field, and as a result, she won first place in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.04 seconds, placed second in the 200-meter dash, and helped the 400-meter relay team earn third place at this year's state meet; and

WHEREAS, Kandace Thomas' accomplishments and leadership, both in and out of competition, are a justifiable source of pride and a fine reflection not only on her but also on her family, her teammates, her coach, her school, and her community. Her unwavering commitment to excellence has garnered her the respect and esteem of many, and she is certainly worthy of high praise; 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 Kandace Thomas on an exemplary season. Indeed, the same maturity and experience she has gained through her participation in track and field will greatly aid her in meeting the challenges of the future; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 128th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend Kandace Thomas as the 2009 Division I State 100-meter dash champion and extend best wishes for continued success; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to Kandace Thomas.