

REPRESENTATIVE GOODWIN

*Honoring the Defiance High School boys 4x800-meter relay team as the 2009 Division II State Champion.*

*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 congratulate the Defiance High School boys 4x800-meter relay team on winning the 2009 Division II State Championship; and*

*WHEREAS, A remarkable group of young athletes, the members of the Defiance High School boys 4x800-meter relay 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, Sebastian Brown, Trevin Flickinger, Zach Wiles, and Sean Murray have worked diligently toward attaining ultimate proficiency in track and field, and as a result, they won this year's Division II State Championship title with a school-record time of 7:57.24; and*

*WHEREAS, The Bulldogs' achievements and leadership are a justifiable source of pride and an excellent reflection on the members, their families, their school, their community, and their coach. The success of any athletic endeavor depends largely on the ability of the coach to provide both guidance and inspiration, and in leading his team to victory, Coach Steve Rittenour has not only helped each athlete to develop his talents to the fullest but also instilled in each 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 fine athletes and their outstanding coach for a job well done. The maturity and experience the team members have gained through participation in sports will greatly aid them 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 the Defiance High School boys 4x800-meter relay team on its tremendous season and salute the members and coach as some of Ohio's finest citizens; and be it further*

*RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Defiance High School boys 4x800-meter relay team.*