

**As Adopted by the Senate**

**135th General Assembly  
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**S. R. No. 164**

**Senator Johnson**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring the Wheelersburg High School softball team as the  
2023 Division III State Champion.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 135th General Assembly 1  
of Ohio are pleased to congratulate the Wheelersburg High School 2  
softball team on winning the 2023 Division III State Championship; and 3

WHEREAS, A remarkable group of young athletes, the members of the 4  
Wheelersburg High School softball team have combined talent and 5  
competitive spirit with the highest ideals of good sportsmanship to 6  
establish themselves as a truly exceptional squad. With admirable 7  
dedication, the Lady Pirates have worked diligently toward attaining 8  
ultimate proficiency in softball, and as a result, they defeated a 9  
tough Indian Lake team by the score of 6-0 to win this year's Division 10  
III State Championship, their second consecutive state crown and their 11  
third such title since 2016, and finished the season with a perfect 12  
32-0 record; and 13

WHEREAS, The Lady Pirates' achievements and leadership are a 14  
justifiable source of pride and an excellent reflection on the 15  
players, their families, their school, their community, and their 16  
coach, Teresa Ruby. The Wheelersburg High School softball team's 17  
victory is a result of the leadership provided by Coach Ruby and her 18  
assistants, and these athletes have developed their impressive talents 19  
as well as learned the value of determination, perseverance, and 20  
camaraderie; and 21

WHEREAS, With athletic competition playing such an important role 22  
in the total education of our young people, we are extremely pleased 23  
to pay tribute to these exemplary athletes and their outstanding 24  
coaches for a job well done. The maturity and experience the team 25  
members have gained through their participation in sports will greatly 26

aid them in meeting the challenges of the future; therefore be it 27

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 135th General 28  
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend the 29  
Wheelersburg High School softball team on its tremendous 2023 season 30  
and salute the players and coaches as some of Ohio's finest citizens; 31  
and be it further 32

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 33  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Wheelersburg High School 34  
softball team. 35