

House Resolution 625

By: Representatives Henson of the 86th, Drenner of the 85th, Abrams of the 89th, Holcomb of the 81st, Bennett of the 94th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Clarkston High School cross country team for their victorious
2 performance in the 2014 Cross Country State Championship; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Clarkston High School cross country team is different from most; the team
4 reflects the community around them, made up of mostly refugees from Ethiopia, Kurdistan,
5 Somalia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Eritrea, and North Sudan; and

6 WHEREAS, the astute direction of head coach Wesley Etienne led to an ultra successful
7 season and an amazing state title; Coach Etienne recruited most of the runners from soccer
8 and held them to high standards with a combined average 3.0 GPA; and

9 WHEREAS, together, the team did something that no one expected of them by winning the
10 state championship; it's only the fifth state title in any team sport in the school's 100 year
11 history; the cross country state championship was a win for the entire school; and

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

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
16 the members of this body congratulate the Clarkston High School cross country team for
17 winning the 2014 Class 5A State Championship and extend their sincerest best wishes for
18 future success.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
20 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
21 Clarkston High School cross country team.