

**As Adopted by the House**

**135th General Assembly  
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**H. R. No. 386**

**Representative Young, T.**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring Matt Somerlot on being inducted into the  
2024 Ohio Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 135th  
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate Matt Somerlot on  
being selected as a 2024 inductee into the Ohio Association of Track  
and Cross Country Coaches Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Matt Somerlot is, indeed, deserving of this prestigious  
distinction, which has been accorded to him in recognition of his  
numerous coaching accomplishments. A former track and field thrower at  
Centerville High School, he commenced his tenure at his alma mater as  
an assistant track and field coach in 1996, becoming the head boys  
track coach in 2000 and also the head girls track coach in 2015, and  
he has also assisted the cross country programs for several seasons.  
Over the years, he has guided his track and field teams to thirteen  
Greater Western Ohio Conference championships, twenty-five district  
titles, and four regional crowns as well as numerous individuals to  
state championships and awards, and he has been named the Greater  
Western Ohio Conference Coach of the Year eleven times and the  
District 13 Coach of the Year in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Matt Somerlot's exceptional record of personal and  
professional success stands as a hallmark worthy of emulation, and he  
has inspired countless people to excel in numerous areas of endeavor.  
As a coach, he has demonstrated remarkable energy, enthusiasm, and  
dedication in leading his teams, and in so doing, he has not only  
encouraged his athletes to develop their talents to the fullest but  
also instilled in each a valuable sense of determination,  
perseverance, camaraderie, and school spirit; and

WHEREAS, The respect and admiration which Matt Somerlot has earned

throughout his lifetime are clearly evident. His achievements and 27  
leadership are a justifiable source of pride and an excellent 28  
reflection on him, his family, his athletes, his school, and his 29  
community; therefore be it 30

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 31  
the 135th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 32  
commend Matt Somerlot on his induction into the 2024 Ohio Association 33  
of Track and Cross Country Coaches Hall of Fame and salute him as one 34  
of Ohio's finest citizens; and be it further 35

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 36  
a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to Matt Somerlot. 37