



RECOGNITION

Honoring Coach Bob Mullen, Southwest DeKalb Track and Field

WHEREAS: The DeKalb County School System is dedicated to developing students academically as well as athletically; and

WHEREAS: The U.S. Track & Field And Cross-Country Coaches Association named Southwest DeKalb High School track coach Bob Mullen as the 2023 Boy's High School Track and Field Coach of Year; and

WHEREAS: Mullen's Southwest DeKalb track team repeated as state champions last spring bringing home the Class 4A state title after having won the Class 5A championship in 2022. The Panthers also repeated as the DeKalb County Track and Field Championships team champ; and Mullen was named the DeKalb Boys' Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS: The Panthers scored 77 points on the track on the final day of the 2023 GHSA State Championships and set three new records on the way to knocking off Starr's Mill (81-77.5); and

WHEREAS: The Southwest relay squad set a new state record in the 4x200-meter relay of 1:25.13. The record was the second of the meet for the relay squad who set the mark of 1:26.32 in the prelims breaking the mark of 1.28.87 set by Monroe a year ago. Coach Mullen trained the team to work hard and encouraged them to give their very best in every event.

THEREFORE: We, the DeKalb County Board of Education, do hereby acknowledge the great athletic accomplishment of Southwest DeKalb High School's Coach Bob Mullen having achieved one of the highest levels attainable by a high school track and field coach. In official recognition whereof, we hereby affix our signatures, this 11th day of September 2023.



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