

## House Resolution 1278

By: Representatives Forster of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and Snow of the 2<sup>nd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Ringgold High School Wrestling Team on its first state wrestling  
2 championship; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Ringgold High School wrestling team savored its reign atop the Class  
4 AAAA wrestling challengers as it won its first state championship on February 9, 2002,  
5 becoming the first boys' team at Ringgold High School to win any state championship for  
6 the school, and thereafter went on to win the Class AAAA Duels State Championship on  
7 February 16, 2002, bringing fame and honor for both school and community; and

8 WHEREAS, these exceptional Mat Dogs finished more than 73 points ahead of their nearest  
9 challenger in the state championship, and four Ringgold wrestlers captured individual state  
10 championships in their respective weight classes: Michael Keefe, Josh Flinn, Josh Keefe and  
11 Bryan Bowen; and

12 WHEREAS, the Tigers won by 31 points in the Duels State Championship and eight  
13 Ringgold wrestlers won their final matches; and

14 WHEREAS, these extraordinary athletes have trained and mastered the detailed maneuvers  
15 critical to winning a match and excelled in their strength, stamina, and control; and

16 WHEREAS, their tremendous ability, strategy, and timing reflect the considerable  
17 experience, motivation, and direction they have received from their very able head coach  
18 Billy Broom, assistant coaches Jeff Daffron, Phil Daniels, Mike Craft, trainer Steve  
19 Carpenter, as well as their personal determination, industry, and discipline.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
21 the members of this body congratulate the Ringgold High School Wrestling Team on its  
22 superlative win of its first state championship and support the wrestlers as listed herein: Josh  
23 Keefe, Michael Keefe, Andrew Crawford, Josh Flinn, Bryan Bowen, Barrett Blankenship,

1 Will O'Neal, Tyler Slaughter, Jake Crockett, Jeremy Romesburg, Duston Worley, Phillip  
2 Akers, Nathan Judd, and J. J. McCartney.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
4 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Coach Billy Broom and  
5 Athletic Director Lamar Brown.