

House Resolution 366

By: Representative Skipper of the 137th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Americus High School Panthers football team; inviting the coaches and
2 players to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Americus High School Panthers football team has established and
4 maintained a proud tradition of excellence in boys' football with equal emphases on
5 character and academics; and

6 WHEREAS, this superlative team has completed another ultrasuccessful season of football
7 competition by posting a perfect record of 15 wins and no losses; and

8 WHEREAS, the Panthers prowled through the state playoffs and, as a fitting finale to their
9 remarkable 2000 campaign, the team captured the Class AA State Football Championship
10 in a convincing 14-0 win over Washington-Wilkes; and

11 WHEREAS, the phenomenal performance of the team as it scored 570 points while limiting
12 opponents to a mere 138 points is a clear indication of the outstanding athletic ability, the
13 dedication and hard work, and the unity of purpose and spirit of each member of the team
14 and team mangers: Brenda Barnes and Kenyada Samas; their superb offensive and defensive
15 talents; and the astute direction of head coach Erik Soliday and assistant coaches: Darren
16 Alford, Kimothy Hadley, Billy Glanton, Mark Prater, Jon Rechterovic, Steve Smith, Casey
17 Soliday, Charles Truitt, Chris Wade, Nathan Wotcott, Steven Wright; and

18 WHEREAS, Robert Johnson set the new state passing record with 3,290 yards passing and
19 the new record for most touchdown passes in a season with 39, and John Harris set the new
20 state record for most yards receiving with 1,580 yards; and

21 WHEREAS, Jermaine Allen, Cedric Boone, John Braswell, Joseph Bruce, Brandon
22 Campbell, Marcus Campbell, William Clark, Rodney Coley, Antwon Cross, Jamison Felton,
23 Jonathan Frye, Cliff Garth, Warren Gooden, Ray Hardy, John Harris, Byron Harvey, Chad

1 Holt, Felton Johnson, Robert Johnson, Demetrie Leverette, Ronkeith Lyles, Kent Margin,
2 Tim Moore, Chad Moses, Chan Moses, Marquis Paschal, Leonard Pope, Eddie Robertson,
3 Rashawn Robinson, Irwin Rutherford, Eddie Sims, Travlis Sims, Deon Small, Charles Smith,
4 Franako Smith, Torey Smith, Casey Spence, Micheal Terry, Joey Tucker, Clyde Tullis, Larry
5 Tyrer, Vincent White, Derek Wolcott, Dustin Wolcott, Gyasi Wright, performed with
6 precision during the season and earned this team its well-deserved reputation for high
7 standards of athletic achievement, the quality of its play, and the stiff competition which it
8 presented its opponents.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
10 the members of this body commend the Americus High School Panthers football team for
11 its unparalleled achievements and extend their sincerest best wishes for continued success
12 in the future.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the coaches and players of the Americus High School
14 Panthers football team are invited to appear before the House of Representatives on a day
15 and at a time designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
17 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Juanita F. Wilson, Principal
18 of Americus High School.