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Senate Resolution 803

By: Senator Hill of the 4th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Congratulating the Emanuel County Institute Bulldogs for their 2007 Class A Georgia High
- 2 School Association State Championship; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, for the Emanuel County Institute Bulldogs, 2007 was a dream season that will
- 4 forever live on in ECI lore; and
- 5 WHEREAS, a week after defeating Clinch County in the Georgia Dome in workmanlike
- 6 fashion, the Bulldogs traveled to Cordele to play the Wilcox County Patriots for the Class A
- 7 Georgia High School Association State Championship; and
- 8 WHEREAS, before a crowd of nearly 10,000 fans, the Bulldogs continued their season-long
- 9 pattern of dominance by besting the Patriots 41-21; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Emanuel County's victory over Wilcox County secured them their first state
- 11 championship and capped off a perfect season of 15-0; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs' success in 2007 began with Head Coach Milan Turner and his
- 13 staff, Chad Simmons, Chirs Kearson, Bill Bonds, Ron Flott, Dewayne Tabor, Chad Harper,
- 14 Brooks Collins, Artie Fields, and Sean Patrick; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs seniors, LaCollie Gordon, Dontae Richards, Wes Wammock, Pat
- 16 Branch, Valentay Williams, Nikk Cross, Sanquez Lee, Anson Walden, Vinson Andrews, and
- 17 Chad Turner, were team leaders both on and off the field and instrumental to Emanuel
- 18 County's perfect season; and
- 19 WHEREAS, the rest of the Bulldogs team were made up of juniors Arkeem Tarver, Washaun
- 20 Ealey, Dexter Moody, Remond Sanford, Mark Flott, J.C. Lanier, and Cody Todd;
- 21 sophomores Chris Shepherd, Brooks Kirkland, Michael Robertson, Will Hinson, Chris
- 22 Branch, Corey Ellison, Robert Newkirt, Chris Gordon, Clifford Milton, Dakota Edenfield,

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1 Jeremy Reid, Nathan Turner, and Logan Oglesby; and freshmen Chris Lovett, Randall

- 2 Carlyle, Brandon Hughes, Devon McCullough, Tyrone Johnson, Matt McReynolds, Wesley
- 3 Jordan, Dylan Turner, Tyler Bates, Chad Howell, Cody Burnett, Justin Moxley, Richard
- 4 Sapp, Ben Brown, Matthew Bates, and Jerry Stokes; and
- 5 WHEREAS, while the 2007 season was a product of a complete team effort, the seasons of
- 6 two juniors, Washaun Ealey, who rushed for 2,982 yards and 58 touchdowns (breaking the
- 7 state record for rushing touchdowns) and was named the Atlanta Journal Constitution's All
- 8 Class High School Football Player of the Year, and Dexter Moody, 79 tackles, ten sacks, and
- 9 eight touchdowns receiving and punt returning, should be recognized for their contribution
- 10 to the Bulldogs' success; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Ealey and Moody recently capped off a their special season by verbally
- 12 committing to University of Georgia's 2009 recruiting class, where they will continue to be
- Bulldogs and carry on the hallowed tradition of great running backs and defensive players
- 14 to play between the hedges.
- 15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
- 16 congratulate the Emanuel County Institute Bulldogs for capping off their historic 2007, 15-0
- 17 season with their first Georgia High School Association Class A State Championship.
- 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 19 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Emanuel County Institute.