

Senate Resolution 590

By: Senators Hill of the 4th and Johnson of the 1st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Effingham County High School wrestling team on
2 winning the 2009 Class AAAA State Championship; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, through perseverance and iron determination, the Effingham County High
4 School wrestling team earned the top ranking in the state by scoring 99.5 points, becoming
5 the first school south of Macon to win a state traditional wrestling championship; and

6 WHEREAS, the phenomenal performance of the team is a clear indication of the outstanding
7 athletic ability, the dedication and hard work, and the unity of purpose and spirit of each
8 member of the team and the astute direction of Head Coach Chris Hardin; and

9 WHEREAS, the team's triumph is incredibly impressive as the program was considered to
10 be cut twice in the past decade due to lack of interest and budget constraints; and

11 WHEREAS, the two individual state championship wins of Josh Barnhill and Kevin Ulmer
12 guaranteed the Rebels a place in the record books; and

13 WHEREAS, other superb performances were displayed by Bruce Smith and Desmond
14 Washington, who each placed third in their weight classes, and Zach Gilliam, who placed
15 fourth; and

16 WHEREAS, as this magnificent team earned its well-deserved reputation for excellence by
17 performing with courage and precision over months of training and competition, it is
18 abundantly proper to call them champions.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
20 congratulate the Effingham County High School wrestling team for winning the 2009 Class
21 AAAA State Championship and extend their sincerest best wishes for future success.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
23 to transmit a copy of this resolution to the players and coaches of the Effingham County High
24 School wrestling team.