

Senate Resolution 806

By: Senator Staton of the 18th

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the 2008 Stratford Academy boys soccer team; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, through perseverance and iron determination, the 2008 Stratford Academy boys  
4 soccer team earned the top ranking in this state, earning the school its first State  
5 Championship title in boys soccer in nine years; and

6 WHEREAS, captains Scott Stevens and David O' Shaughnessey led this superlative team to  
7 complete their 2008 season with an amazing record of 15-6-1; and

8 WHEREAS, the 2008 roster consisted of talented athletes Ben Bowdoin, Joey Cleveland,  
9 Chidi Ekeledo, Obi Ekeledo, Austin Etheridge, Stuart Firth, Matthew Fuller, Samy Gabriel,  
10 Benton Graves, Mack Hodges, Stuart Kent, John Lyons, Rodney Noel, Becker  
11 O'Shaughnessey, David O'Shaughnessey, Kishan Patel, Mitchell Pearson, Ryan Ridley, Scott  
12 Stevens, Bo Stroup, John Treadwell, Thomas Watson, and Brandon Wood; and

13 WHEREAS, Obi Ekeledo, David O'Shaughnessey, Scott Stevens, and Bo Stroup were  
14 selected to the All-State and All-Region teams and Mack Hodges was selected to the  
15 All-Region team; and

16 WHEREAS, the phenomenal performance of the team is a clear indication of the outstanding  
17 athletic ability, the dedication and hard work, and the unity of purpose and spirit of each  
18 member of the team; their superb offensive and defensive talents; and the astute direction of  
19 Head Coach James Jordan, Assistant Coaches Jeff Hale and Scott Serafy, and Manager  
20 Emmy Stroup; and

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

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
25 congratulate the 2008 Stratford Academy boys soccer team for winning the State  
26 Championship and extend their sincere best wishes for future success.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
28 to transmit copies of this resolution to Head Coach James Jordan.