

## Senate Resolution 611

By: Senators Jeffares of the 17th, Jones of the 25th and Chance of the 16th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Payton Jonson on winning the first state championship for Strong Rock  
2 Christian School; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Payton Jonson is a senior at Strong Rock Christian School who has long been  
4 recognized by his peers and mentors for his faith, determination, and inspirational  
5 commitment to achieving excellence both for himself and for his school; and

6 WHEREAS, this exemplary athlete is the first State Champion in any sport to represent the  
7 Strong Rock Christian School; and

8 WHEREAS, Payton holds a lifetime record of 123-21 and a record for the 2013 season of  
9 43-3; and

10 WHEREAS, in the 2013 season alone, he defeated multiple state placers and two state  
11 champions in classifications ranging from A to AAAAAA; and

12 WHEREAS, Payton won four tournaments and was a runner-up in two; he earned the  
13 distinction of Most Valuable Player at the Landmark Invitational tournament, which included  
14 teams from all six classifications; and

15 WHEREAS, he is an Area, Sectional, and State Champion; he defeated the defending State  
16 Champion two weeks in a row and won the State Championship at 195 pounds while only  
17 weighing 182 pounds, an incredible feat; and

18 WHEREAS, in addition to the endurance and strength Payton displays through athletics, he  
19 also serves as an inspiration to his peers and coaches because of his exemplary fortitude and  
20 positive attitude; and

21 WHEREAS, in his freshman year, Payton tore a hamstring and had a staph infection; his  
22 sophomore year, he broke his back at the L4-L5 vertebra and split a nerve; his junior year,  
23 he dislocated his hip only to return one week later to win the Area Championship, and he  
24 dislocated his shoulder at the sectional semifinals; yet this extraordinary young man  
25 continues to follow his passion for wrestling; and

26 WHEREAS, through his many accolades and his exemplary character, Payton Jonson has  
27 earned the title of Wrestler of the Year and it is abundantly fitting and proper that he be  
28 recognized.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
30 congratulate Payton Jonson on winning the first state championship for Strong Rock  
31 Christian School.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
33 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Payton Jonson.