

## House Resolution 782

By: Representatives Strickland of the 111<sup>th</sup>, Welch of the 110<sup>th</sup>, Knight of the 130<sup>th</sup>, and Rutledge of the 109<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Payton Jonson on winning the first state championship for Strong Rock  
2 Christian School and inviting him to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for  
3 other purposes.

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

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

9 WHEREAS, Payton holds a lifetime record of 123-21 and a record for the 2013 season of  
10 43-3; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
31 the members of this body congratulate Payton Jonson on winning the first state championship  
32 for Strong Rock Christian School and invite him to be recognized by the House of  
33 Representatives at a date and time designated by the Speaker of the House of  
34 Representatives.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Payton Jonson.