

House Resolution 1797

By: Representatives Howard of the 124th, Sims of the 123rd, Smith of the 125th, Frazier of the 126th, and Prince of the 127th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Aquinas High School football team and Coach James
2 Leonard for winning the Class A State Championship; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Aquinas High School football team secured the school's first-ever Class A
4 State Championship with a 14-0 undefeated season; and

5 WHEREAS, at age 26, Coach James Leonard is the only coach to go undefeated and win the
6 state championship in his first year of coaching in any classification since 1959; and

7 WHEREAS, a graduate of Aquinas High School's Class of 2005, Coach James Leonard has
8 been the recipient of several awards, including the Associated Press Class A Coach of the
9 Year, the Atlanta Constitution Coach of the Year Class A, the Augusta Chronicle Class A
10 Coach of the Year, and the WJBF All Area Coach of the Year; and

11 WHEREAS, Coach James Leonard is also the grandson of legendary Aquinas High School
12 football coach Danny Leonard, who competed in the highest Georgia state football
13 classification from 1957-1967 and was also selected as the Georgia State Coach of the Year
14 in 1954; and

15 WHEREAS, the phenomenal performance of the team is a clear indication of the outstanding
16 athletic ability, the dedication and hard work, and the unity of purpose and spirit of each
17 member of the team; and

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

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body recognize and commend the Aquinas High School football team
23 and Coach James Leonard for winning the Class A State Championship and express their
24 sincerest best wishes for continued success.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
26 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Aquinas High School
27 football team and Coach James Leonard.