

Senate Resolution 1229

By: Senators Davenport of the 44th and Seay of the 34th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Jonesboro High School boy's basketball team; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Jonesboro High School Cardinals, ranked sixth, won the state championship
4 in an upset by defeating the number one-ranked Columbia High School 56-51 in the Class
5 AAAA title game at the Macon Coliseum with a season record of 27-6; and

6 WHEREAS, Junior Tracey Hector, Jr., led the team with 19 points, 15 of them in the first
7 half, and a game-high ten rebounds; and

8 WHEREAS, this was Jonesboro High School's first appearance in the championship game
9 since 2003; the 1993 North Clayton boy's team had been the only previous team from
10 Clayton County to win the state championship title; and

11 WHEREAS, Coach Dan Maehlman told his team to do three things before the game: make
12 Columbia take outside shots, block out, and "play like grown men"; and

13 WHEREAS, the team is composed of players Christian Burwell, Elijah Wade, Deantre Mack,
14 Austin Donaldson, Zerrick Cooper, Tracey Hector, Jr., Phillip Judson, Calder Marria, Jyair
15 Mincy, Marshall McIntyre, James Walker, Jr., Jordan Griffin, Tariq Jenkins, Josh James, and
16 Kenneth Qualls and coaches Dan Maehlman, John Bishop, and Nathan Wardlaw; and

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

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

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 commend the Jonesboro High School boy's basketball team for winning the Class AAAA
25 State Championship.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Jonesboro High School boy's
28 basketball team.