

Senate Resolution 1275

By: Senators Crosby of the 13th, Albers of the 56th, Bethel of the 54th, Shafer of the 48th, Staton of the 18th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Tift County High School's varsity basketball team; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Blue Devils displayed a stellar defensive performance to beat top-ranked
4 Wheeler High School, 63-49, in the AAAAAA State Championship game in Macon,
5 Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, it is the first state title for the basketball team since 1996, and the first for a
7 South Georgia team in the highest classification since Savannah won it all 16 years ago; and

8 WHEREAS, the Blue Devils took a 5-3 lead early in the first quarter and didn't trail Wheeler
9 for the duration of the game; and

10 WHEREAS, the team answered every Wheeler challenge, and when PJ Horne threw down
11 an alley-oop dunk off an inbounds play, Tift County led 47-37 with three minutes to play;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, playing in front of a loud, pro-Blue Devils crowd at the Macon Centreplex, Tift
14 County warmed up in t-shirts with "No Buckets" printed on the back; the team held Wheeler,
15 a team averaging close to 70 points, to just 28 points through three quarters and became only
16 the second in-state team to defeat Wheeler this season; and

17 WHEREAS, the team is comprised of players Tyrie Jackson, Micah Johnson, Ali Vaughn,
18 Deion White, Stefon Mills, Ladarius Stewart, Jalen Lewis, Tadic Jackson, Hayden Mullinax,
19 DJ Bryant, Nathan Thomas, Rashawn Canady, Earlmondo West, Michael Covington, PJ
20 Horne, Steven Waters, Quay Ferguson, and Fred Lloyd and coach Eric Holland; and

21 WHEREAS, the phenomenal performance of the Blue Devils is a clear indication of the
22 outstanding athletic ability, the dedication and hard work, and the unity of purpose and spirit
23 of each member of the team; and

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

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 recognize and commend Tift County High School's varsity basketball team for winning the
29 AAAAAA State Championship.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Tift County High School's varsity
32 basketball team.