

House Resolution 2040

By: Representatives Martin of the 49th, Jones of the 47th, Riley of the 50th, and Wilkinson of the 52nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Cambridge High School men's varsity wrestling program;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on February 22, 2014, the Cambridge High School men's varsity wrestling
4 program won the 2013-2014 AAAAA Traditional Wrestling State Championship after only
5 two years of existence; and

6 WHEREAS, Head Coach Don St. James has wrestling in his blood, as he is a very
7 accomplished wrestler who turned his passion for the sport into coaching for the last 22
8 years; yet in his 22 years of coaching, this is his first state championship; and

9 WHEREAS, Cambridge High School qualified nine wrestlers for the AAAAA Traditional
10 State Championship, held at Loganville High School, weeks after winning a region title; and

11 WHEREAS, wrestlers Chris Anderson, Eric Cizek, Luke Williams, and Jalen
12 Hammons-Jeter would all score critical team points in the consolation rounds, helping to put
13 the team within striking distance of the top three teams; and

14 WHEREAS, in the championship round of the semi-finals, wrestlers J.R. Salemi, Brandon
15 Filosi, Will Britain, Devin Kane, and Malik McNeil all made waves by winning and scoring
16 bonus points as they each secured a spot in the finals; and

17 WHEREAS, at 120 pounds, J.R. Salemi would set the tone for the Bears, scoring a major
18 decision and smashing his way to his second individual state title; and

19 WHEREAS, Brandon Filosi left it all on the mat with a hard fought 5-2 victory as the second
20 state champion of the night to be crowned, and the Bears moved into first place in the team
21 standings; and

22 WHEREAS, at 138 pounds, freshman Will Britain capped a tremendous season finishing in
23 second, and Devin Kane, 145 pounds, locked up a team title for the Bears with a victory in
24 a 6-2 decision and was the third state champion of the night; and

25 WHEREAS, senior Malik McNeil ended a stellar career and season with a second place
26 finish; and

27 WHEREAS, when the dust settled and the podiums cleared, the team, with 132 team points,
28 emerged as the 2013-2014 AAAAA Traditional Wrestling State Champions; and

29 WHEREAS, the team is comprised of Chris Anderson, Jacob Anglin, Will Britain, Dawson
30 Brooks, Eric Cizek, Quinten Clifford, Balon Compton, Jabe Danielson, Ryder Deaton, Drew
31 Dixon, Alexandria Enriquez, Connor Esposito, Brandon Filosi, Neehaar Gandhi, Trevor
32 Goodnight, Conlan Juedman, Sean Kaira, Devin Kane, Daniel Keith, Jared Kelly, Nathan
33 Kurtz, Malik McNeil, Charles Mills, Branch Morley, Pierce Mustaki, Brock Nielson, Dimitri
34 Pinchinat, CJ Rees, Elvis Riopelle, John Roche, Jack Sadighian, J.R. Salemi, Kryshna
35 Tanksley, Bradley Tanksy, Marshall Tillman, Kelton Walton, Tyler Werth, Federico
36 Williams, and Trey Wolfe; Head Coach, Don St. James; and assistant coaches, Michael
37 Metz, Chris House, and Billy Helfrich; and

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

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
42 the members of this body commend the Cambridge High School men's varsity wrestling
43 program for winning the 2013-2014 AAAAA Traditional Wrestling State Championship.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
45 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Cambridge High School
46 men's varsity wrestling program.