

## House Resolution 736

By: Representatives Petrea of the 166<sup>th</sup>, Stephens of the 164<sup>th</sup>, Hitchens of the 161<sup>st</sup>, Gordon of the 163<sup>rd</sup>, Stephens of the 165<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Benedictine High School Cadets football team for winning the 2014 Class  
2 AA State Championship; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, through perseverance and determination, and while demonstrating integrity,  
4 intelligence, and discipline, the Benedictine Cadets gained their first state championship title  
5 in the varsity football program's 111<sup>th</sup> season with a decisive 45-21 victory over the Greater  
6 Atlanta Christian High School Spartans, avenging a 24-21 loss to the same team in the first  
7 game of the season; and

8 WHEREAS, during the 2014 season, senior quarterback Stevie Powers led an offense that  
9 averaged nearly 45 points a game, completing 177 of 260 passes for 3,347 yards with 32  
10 touchdown passes and just six interceptions, while rushing for 107 yards and four  
11 touchdowns, throwing for 256 yards and two scores, and a pair of touchdown runs in the state  
12 championship game; and

13 WHEREAS, during the 2014 season, senior receivers Brad Stewart and Joseph "Peanut"  
14 Holguin combined for over 2,000 yards receiving and a corps of running backs combined for  
15 more than 3,300 yards rushing; and

16 WHEREAS, the Cadet defense dominated opponents throughout the season, posting three  
17 shutouts and giving up an average of only 200 yards and 11 points over the course of 15  
18 games; and

19 WHEREAS, the performance of the team is a clear indication of the outstanding talent,  
20 dedication, and hard work, as well as the unity of purpose and spirit, possessed by each  
21 member of the team from the stars to the first-year players, their offensive and defensive  
22 assistant coaches, their trainers, and their fans; and

23 WHEREAS, Head Coach Danny Britt, in his fourth year as head coach at Benedictine, was  
24 selected as the Georgia High School Association Class AA Coach of the Year for 2014; and

25 WHEREAS Coach Britt was supported by an outstanding group of assistant coaches and  
26 trainers; and

27 WHEREAS, the Benedictine Cadets were supported by a loyal and raucous fan base that  
28 packed their home stadium for home games and traveled by the thousands to witness regular  
29 season and playoff victories hundreds of miles from their home in Savannah, Georgia; and

30 WHEREAS, the Benedictine Cadets achieved this great success through fierce determination  
31 and months of hard work and an attitude shared by all Cadet faithful of "All In."

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
33 the members of this body congratulate the Benedictine High School Cadets football team for  
34 winning the 2014 Class AA State Championship.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
36 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
37 Benedictine High School Cadets football team.