

House Resolution 986

By: Representative Epps of the 144<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Bleckley County High School boys cross country team; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Bleckley County High School boys cross country team won the Georgia AA  
4 State Cross Country Championship on November 7, 2015, at Carrollton Elementary School  
5 in Carrollton, Georgia, scoring a school record low 42 points; and

6 WHEREAS, this is the first state championship for Bleckley County boys cross country since  
7 its inception, and Bleckley County's accomplishment is unprecedented in that this is also the  
8 first state championship for any boys' team in any sport in Bleckley County High School  
9 history; and

10 WHEREAS, this championship season is due to the outstanding leadership of its Senior  
11 runners, as well as the exceptional running of Junior Carl Ellis Corley, 2015 individual AA  
12 state champion, the first male runner in Bleckley County history to win an individual state  
13 cross country title; and

14 WHEREAS, recognition and appreciation are due to all the runners and the coach of this  
15 championship team: Seniors Aaron Miller, Anuj Patel, Austin Cook, Clay Blanton, Jon  
16 Gilbert, Taylor Harrell; Juniors Bronson Sanders, Carl Ellis Corley, Carson Kuck, Dawson  
17 Jarrell, Dayton Cannon, Ethan Danner, Hayden Belflower, Henry Williams; Sophomore  
18 Hadden Powell; Freshmen Austin Hiner, C.J. Rich, Jaylen Thigpen, Julian Pilgrim, Luke  
19 Cook, Porter Wimberly; and Head Coach Shelly Cranford.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
21 the members of this body commend the Bleckley County School Superintendent, Steve J.  
22 Smith; Principal, Dr. Trey Belflower, Assistant Principals, Lara Rowland and Matt Gibbs;  
23 Athletic Director, Benjy Rogers; Head Trainer, Mike Brannon; Head Cross Country Coach,

24 Shelly Cranford, and the entire Bleckley County Runnin' Royal organization for winning the  
25 2015 Georgia AA State Boys Cross Country Championship.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to  
28 Bleckley County High School and the Bleckley County High School cross country team.