

House Resolution 889

By: Representatives Price of the 48th, Jones of the 47th, Martin of the 49th, and Willard of the 51st

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Blessed Trinity Catholic High School Titans for winning the 2017 Class
2 AAAA GHSA State Football Championship; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Blessed Trinity Catholic High School in Roswell, Georgia, was opened in the
4 year 2000 and first played Junior Varsity football in 2000 and 2001 under the direction of
5 head football coach Ricky Turner, who held the position from 2000 through 2010; and

6 WHEREAS, Coach Ricky Turner has been Athletic Director of the school since it began, and
7 started its varsity football program in 2002, having now completed its 16th season in the
8 Georgia High School Association; and

9 WHEREAS, the Blessed Trinity football team, known as the Titans, had their first varsity
10 win on September 20, 2002 vs. Walker High School and their first region championship
11 victory in 2005; and

12 WHEREAS, Coach Tim McFarlin was hired as the head football coach in 2011 and has been
13 the head football coach for the past seven seasons; and

14 WHEREAS, the Blessed Trinity Titans won their first play-off game in 2011 and have won
15 a total of five Region Championships in 2005, 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016; and

16 WHEREAS, Blessed Trinity played for the State AAA championship one time previously
17 in 2015 when it lost in overtime to Westminster; and

18 WHEREAS, the Blessed Trinity Titans had 13 wins in the 2017 season with a squad
19 consisting primarily of juniors; and

20 WHEREAS, the team faced one of the toughest group of opponents any Georgia state
21 champion has faced, defeating Thomson in the quarterfinals with a 43-13 victory in

22 Thomson, defeating Mary Persons 28-7 at the semifinals in Forsyth, and prevailing in their
23 final match-up against Marist High School, marking the first time in the state's history that
24 two Catholic high schools vied for the title; and

25 WHEREAS, the originally scheduled championship game, to have been played at the new
26 Mercedes-Benz Stadium, had to be postponed for a week due to a snowstorm; and

27 WHEREAS, on Friday, December 15, 2017, the final game was played at the Marist field
28 and the Titans won the Class AAAA championship game by a score of 16-7, to secure its
29 first-ever state title win for Blessed Trinity High School; and

30 WHEREAS, Blessed Trinity's rankings at the conclusion of the 2017 season included number
31 one in Classification AAAA in Georgia, number seven among all schools and all
32 classifications in Georgia, number 21 in the nation among America's Catholic High Schools
33 by the CAC, and number 97 in the nation among all high schools by Max Preps; and

34 WHEREAS, in winning the 2017 State Title, Blessed Trinity beat the top four ranked teams
35 in the state, all on the road, by defeating number one ranked Cartersville, number two ranked
36 Thomson, number three ranked Marist, and number four ranked Mary Persons; and

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

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
41 the members of this body commend the Blessed Trinity Catholic High School Titans for
42 winning the 2017 Class AAAA GHSA State Football Championship and extend their most
43 sincere best wishes for continued success.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
45 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
46 Blessed Trinity Catholic High School Titans.