

Senate Resolution 598

By: Senator Albers of the 56th

#### 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 SENATE that the members of this body  
41 commend the Blessed Trinity Catholic High School Titans for winning the 2017 Class  
42 AAAA GHSA State Football Championship and extend their most sincere best wishes for  
43 continued success.

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