

House Resolution 640

By: Representatives Benton of the 31st and Quick of the 117th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Jefferson High School boys wrestling team for winning the 2017 GHSA
2 Class 4A State Wrestling Championship; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Jefferson High School boys wrestling team has established and maintained
4 a proud tradition of excellence with equal emphases on character and academics; and

5 WHEREAS, excellent play, superior teamwork, and extraordinary resilience made this team
6 a spectacular one to observe throughout the season, and as a fitting finale to its remarkable
7 2017 campaign, the team captured its 17th consecutive state wrestling championship; and

8 WHEREAS, the team brought special recognition to its school by winning the 2017 GHSA
9 Class 4A State Wrestling Championship against formidable opponents, including four-time
10 defending Class 4A champions Gilmer County, with a final score of 166.5 in the three-day
11 tournament; and

12 WHEREAS, the phenomenal performance of the team is a clear indication of the outstanding
13 athletic ability, the dedication and hard work, and the unity of purpose and spirit of each
14 member of the team and the astute direction of Head Coach Doug Thurmond; and

15 WHEREAS, this all-star team included seven Jefferson wrestlers who placed in their weight
16 class, Ian Statia, Mason Corbett, Caleb Little, Nick Holman, Cole Potts, Jared Blackburn, and
17 Coy Strong and Dawson Bates who won an individual state title in the Class 4A 132-pound
18 division; and

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

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body commend the Jefferson High School boys wrestling team for
24 winning the 2017 GHSA Class 4A State Wrestling Championship and extend their most
25 sincere best wishes for continued success.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
28 Jefferson High School boys wrestling team.