

House Resolution 898

By: Representatives Gaines of the 120th and Wiedower of the 121st

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Prince Avenue Christian School football team for winning the GHSA
2 Single A-Division I Varsity Football State Championship; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Prince Avenue Christian School football team has established and
4 maintained a proud tradition of excellence with equal emphases on character and academics;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, within years of starting their football program, the Wolverines have been one
7 of the most competitive teams in the GHSA Single A-Division I; and

8 WHEREAS, the Prince Avenue Christian School football team, led by head coach Greg
9 Vandagriff and quarterback Aaron Philo, went on a quest for back-to-back state titles this
10 season, decisively defeating three teams in the playoffs on their way to the state
11 championship: Mount Vernon (72-41), Irwin County (41-7), and Bryan County (49-13); and

12 WHEREAS, in their 19th season of the program and after going 9-1 in the regular season,
13 the Prince Avenue Christian School Wolverines went up against Swainsboro High School
14 for the state championship; and

15 WHEREAS, after a forced fumble by Blaine Pittman and recovery by Austin Head on the
16 opening drive, the Wolverines closed out the first quarter with a 21-6 lead and never trailed;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Prince Avenue quelled a threat of a Swainsboro comeback late in the third
19 quarter thanks to a 38 yard catch by Hudson Hill that set up an eventual 12 yard passing
20 touchdown from Aaron Philo to CJ Dockery to make it a two possession game; and

21 WHEREAS, Quarterback Aaron Philo broke the GHSA state record for passing yards in a
22 career with 13,922, which he obtained with 2 minutes and 37 seconds left in the fourth
23 quarter on a touchdown pass to CJ Dockery that also tied him for the GHSA record for
24 passing touchdowns in a season at 56; and

25 WHEREAS, on December 11, 2023, the Prince Avenue Christian Wolverines made history
26 by winning their third total and second consecutive GHSA Single A-Division I Varsity
27 Football State Championship at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body congratulate the Prince Avenue Christian School football team for
30 a historic season by winning the GHSA Single A-Division I Varsity Football State
31 Championship.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
34 Prince Avenue Christian School football team.