

House Resolution 984

By: Representatives Draper of the 90th, Crawford of the 84th, Holly of the 116th, Evans of the 89th, Mitchell of the 88th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Cedar Grove High School Saints football team of the DeKalb County
2 School District for winning the 2023 GHSA Class 3A State Football Championship; and for
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Cedar Grove High School Saints football team, under the direction of Head
5 Coach John Adams, won the 2023 Class 3A State Football Championship; and

6 WHEREAS, the then-No. 2 ranked Saints defeated the No. 4 ranked Savannah Christian
7 Raiders in a 49-28 victory to win the football state title at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta
8 on Wednesday, December 13, 2023; and

9 WHEREAS, the Saints scored four unanswered touchdowns to break a 14-14 second quarter
10 tie. Senior quarterback E.J. Colson threw for 259 yards and four touchdowns in the game and
11 was named the Georgia Public Broadcasting Player of the Game; and

12 WHEREAS, junior linebacker Keith Bass led the Saint's defense with 12 total tackles, and
13 senior defensive end Chase Kerns accumulated 11 tackles, two sacks, and three tackles for
14 a loss; and

15 WHEREAS, the state football championship is the fifth state title overall for the Saints
16 football program and the fifth in eight seasons, including the 2016, 2018, 2019, and 2021
17 state championships; and

18 WHEREAS, Cedar Grove defeated Hebron Christian 30-27 in first-round action to open the
19 title run and followed that with wins over Bremen at 49-13, Mary Persons at 28-14, and a
20 49-42 victory over Calvary Day to reach the state finals; and

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

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body congratulate the Cedar Grove High School Saints football team for
26 winning the 2023 GHSA Class 3A State Football Championship and extend best wishes for
27 their continued success.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
30 Cedar Grove High School Saints football team.