

House Resolution 439

By: Representatives Jones of the 143rd, Herring of the 145th, Griffin of the 149th, Paris of the 142nd, and Washburn of the 144th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Northeast High School Raiders football team for participating in the 2024
2 GHSA Class A Division 1 State Championship; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Raiders football team of Northeast High School in Macon, Georgia, has
4 demonstrated extraordinary skill, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the 2024
5 season; and

6 WHEREAS, under the exceptional leadership of Head Coach Jeremy Wiggins, the Northeast
7 Raiders achieved a remarkable 12-3 record, showcasing their talent and dedication on the
8 field; and

9 WHEREAS, the Raiders made history by advancing to the GHSA Class A Division 1 State
10 Championship game for the first time in school history, bringing pride and excitement to the
11 East Macon community; and

12 WHEREAS, the team's success was built on the outstanding performances of key players
13 such as senior running back Nick Woodford, who amassed 2,494 yards and 41 total
14 touchdowns, nearly breaking the county single-season rushing record; junior quarterback
15 Reginald "Bam" Glover, who achieved both 1,000 rushing and 1,000 passing yards in the

16 season; senior linebacker Santana Balkcom, who averaged nearly 10 tackles and 2.5 sacks
17 per game; junior linebacker Tailen Sampson, who consistently contributed eight tackles per
18 game; and Kortnei Williams, who demonstrated exceptional defensive skills with an
19 impressive 10 interceptions; and

20 WHEREAS, the Northeast Raiders' journey to the state championship game united the
21 community, inspiring students from elementary to high school and reigniting Raider pride
22 throughout East Macon; and

23 WHEREAS, the team's historic season included hosting the first Macon home semifinal
24 game since 1975, defeating Fitzgerald 46-14 in a commanding performance; and

25 WHEREAS, the Northeast Raiders' achievements extend beyond the field as they have
26 become role models for perseverance, teamwork, and academic excellence, embodying the
27 true spirit of student-athletes.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body congratulate the Northeast High School Raiders football team upon
30 its outstanding 2024 season, its historic run to the state championship game, and its positive
31 impact on the community as well as celebrate its achievements and the bright future it
32 represents for Macon-Bibb County.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
35 Northeast High School Raiders football team.