

House Resolution 1688

By: Representatives Williams of the 168th and DeLoach of the 167th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the First Preparatory Christian Academy boys basketball team for winning
2 the 2026 GIAA Class A Boys State Basketball Championship; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, First Preparatory Christian Academy, located in Hinesville, is a private
4 Christian school serving approximately 300 students in grades PK2 through 12 that is
5 dedicated to academic excellence, athletic achievement, and the development of strong
6 Christian character; and

7 WHEREAS, under the leadership and direction of Headmaster Leah Gumatatao, the school
8 continues its mission of educating and guiding students to excel both in the classroom and
9 in extracurricular activities; and

10 WHEREAS, the mission of the First Preparatory Christian Academy athletic program is to
11 compete athletically at the highest level by placing the utmost importance on a "fundamentals
12 first" mentality while maintaining a primary focus on the development of Christian character
13 in each individual associated with the program through the teaching of six Core Values:
14 Courage, Integrity, Patience, Humility, Discipline, and Enthusiasm; and

15 WHEREAS, the First Preparatory Christian Academy boys basketball team achieved
16 extraordinary success by winning the 2026 GIAA Class A Boys State Basketball
17 Championship, securing back-to-back state championships and demonstrating exceptional
18 teamwork, dedication, and perseverance; and

19 WHEREAS, this achievement was made possible through the leadership of Head Coach
20 Shane Smith, who has invested deeply in the lives of each and every student he has had the
21 opportunity to coach and teach, building not only talented athletes but also young men of
22 strong character; and

23 WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the First Preparatory Christian Academy basketball
24 team bring great pride to their school, families, and the broader community of Hinesville and
25 the State of Georgia.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body congratulate the First Preparatory Christian Academy boys
28 basketball team for winning the 2026 GIAA Class A Boys State Basketball Championship
29 and for representing their school and community with excellence, discipline, and
30 sportsmanship.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body recognize the outstanding
32 leadership of Head Coach Shane Smith, Headmaster Leah Gumatao, and the coaching staff,
33 players, students, and families whose dedication made this remarkable achievement possible.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to First
36 Preparatory Christian Academy.