

Senate Resolution 997

By: Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Bearden of the 30th, Brass of the 6th, Setzler of the 37th, Hatchett of the 50th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the North Paulding High School Girls Basketball Team for
2 winning the 2026 Georgia High School Association Class 6A State Championship and for
3 their outstanding athletic achievements; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the North Paulding High School Girls Basketball Team demonstrated
5 exceptional skill, determination, and teamwork throughout the 2025-2026 season,
6 establishing itself as one of the premier girls basketball programs in the State of Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, on March 14, 2026, the Wolfpack won the Georgia High School Association
8 Class 6A State Championship with a 64-58 victory over Grayson High School at the Macon
9 Coliseum; and

10 WHEREAS, the championship marked the first basketball state championship in school
11 history, whether boys or girls, for North Paulding High School; and

12 WHEREAS, the Wolfpack completed a remarkable season with a 30-2 overall record and
13 held the No. 1 ranking throughout the season, reflecting the consistency, excellence, and
14 championship caliber of the program; and

15 WHEREAS, North Paulding displayed resilience and composure on the sport's biggest stage
16 with a clutch and decisive 17-4 run that helped secure the state title; and

17 WHEREAS, the championship victory carried special significance as the North Paulding
18 Lady Wolfpack demonstrated perseverance, growth, determination, 1 percent leadership, and
19 Blue-collar work ethic; and

20 WHEREAS, the Wolfpack was led by Head Coach Wesley Willis and supported by Assistant
21 Coaches Kelly Nye-Hinkson, Cres Summers, Alicia Smith, Monette Thomas, Melissa
22 McCorvey, Clark Brown, and Tanya Willis; Managers Ariel Coward, Aaliyah Willis, and
23 Aiyanna Qawiyy; Athletic Trainers Hannah Bolin and Jessica Bruner; Principal Gabe
24 Carmona; Athletic Director Dr. Ryan Dyer; and Assistant Athletic Director Dennis Jordan,
25 all of whom played an important role in the success of this championship program; and

26 WHEREAS, the members of the 2026 North Paulding High School Girls Basketball Team
27 are Kenzie Hinkson, Kalee Hinkson, Kloi Franklin, Olivia Walton, Kierra Clark, Macy
28 Harmon, Morgan Landrum, Ari Moore, Tayla Arnold, Brooklyn Arnold, Ava Dyer, Kelsey
29 Kuykendall, Amiyah Leacock, and Amirah Howell—these student-athletes have
30 distinguished themselves through discipline, sacrifice, and excellence in bringing home a
31 historic state title; and

32 WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the North Paulding High School Girls Basketball Team
33 have brought tremendous pride to North Paulding High School, the Paulding County School
34 District, and the entire Paulding County community, while inspiring future student-athletes
35 across this state.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
37 commend and congratulate the North Paulding High School Girls Basketball Team for
38 winning the 2026 Georgia High School Association Class 6A State Championship and
39 extend their best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
41 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the North Paulding
42 High School Girls Basketball Team.