

House Resolution 1512

By: Representative Mathis of the 149<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Bleckley County High School girls cross country team for winning the  
2 2023 Class 1A/Division 1 State Cross Country Championship; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Bleckley County High School girls cross country team has established and  
4 maintained a proud tradition of excellence with equal emphases on character and academics;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, this superlative team has completed another triumphant season of cross country  
7 competition; and

8 WHEREAS, superior teamwork and extraordinary resilience made this team a spectacular  
9 one to observe throughout the season, and as a fitting finale to its remarkable 2023 campaign,  
10 the team captured its second consecutive state cross country championship and its sixth title  
11 in the last eight years; and

12 WHEREAS, the phenomenal performance of the team is a clear indication of the outstanding  
13 athletic ability, dedication, hard work, and unity of purpose and spirit of each member of the  
14 team and the astute direction of Head Coach Shelly Cranford; and

15 WHEREAS, this championship team included three All-State runners: Ella Gibbs, two-time  
16 individual state champion; Lily Farrell, fifth place overall; and Ellen Arnold, tenth place  
17 overall; and

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

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
22 the members of this body congratulate the Bleckley County High School girls cross country  
23 team for winning the 2023 Class 1A/Division 1 State Cross Country Championship and  
24 extend best wishes for their continued success.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
26 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
27 Bleckley County High School girls cross country team.