

House Resolution 1553

By: Representatives Howard of the 129th, Frazier of the 126th, Gladney of the 130th, Prince of the 132nd, and Newton of the 127th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Westside High School Patriots; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Westside High School is a Richmond County Public School located in Augusta,
3 Georgia, with a mission to provide a safe and caring environment where all students can and
4 will learn, becoming respectful, productive citizens. Westside is committed to ongoing
5 professional development, extensive and effective data use to improve teaching and learning,
6 personalized college planning and preparation, and work that supports this philosophy; and

7 WHEREAS, Westside Athletics focuses on the physical and emotional well-being of
8 student-athletes, promoting sportsmanship and personal accountability. The Athletics
9 Department supports and emphasizes the academic, athletic, and social growth of our
10 student-athletes as leaders both on the court and in the classroom. It embraces the diversity
11 of our school community and fosters a respectful culture that celebrates differences to
12 achieve great success; and

13 WHEREAS, the Westside Patriots successfully defended their title on March 7, 2024,
14 defeating the Toombs County Bulldogs 64-29 to earn their third consecutive Georgia High
15 School Association 2A State Basketball Championship. Westside became the first GHSA
16 Augusta-Area basketball team to secure a three-peat; and

17 WHEREAS, for the third consecutive year, they are named the Region 4-AA Champions and
18 the Back-to-Back-to-Back AA State Champions in boys basketball. This team has shown
19 dedication over multiple seasons and is setting an example for other teams. The
20 sportsmanship displayed by these young men is admirable. They are coached by some of the
21 best in the CSRA.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body congratulate the Westside High School Patriots for winning the
24 Georgia High School Association 2A State Basketball Championship and extend best wishes
25 for their continued success.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
28 Westside High School Patriots.