

## House Resolution 740

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Benedictine Military School Cadets football team for winning the 2021  
2 Georgia High School Association Class AAAA State Championship; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, through perseverance and determination and while demonstrating character,  
4 spirituality, purpose, and brotherhood, the Benedictine Military School Cadets earned their  
5 third state championship in the varsity football program's history with a 35-28 victory over  
6 Carver-Columbus High School Tigers; and

7 WHEREAS, during the 2021 season, senior quarterback Holden Geriner led an offense that  
8 averaged 222 yards rushing and 237 yards passing per game, completing 233 of 333 passes  
9 (68 percent) for a school-record 3,377 yards, 36 touchdowns, and three interceptions; and

10 WHEREAS, during the 2021 season, senior running back/wide receiver/defensive back  
11 Justin Thomas rushed for 1,426 yards and 25 touchdowns, and caught 47 passes for 967  
12 yards and 12 more scores, and was a defensive standout with 47 tackles and five  
13 interceptions, and scored 39 total touchdowns as a senior; and

14 WHEREAS, during the 2021 season, senior wide receiver/running back Kam Edge had 53  
15 catches for 720 yards and six touchdowns and ran for 264 yards and another score while  
16 completing his only pass of the season for a 56-yard touchdown; and

17 WHEREAS, during the 2021 season, junior wide receiver/defensive back Za'Quan Bryan had  
18 95 catches for 1,376 yards and 15 touchdowns, rushed for 249 yards and a pair of scores, and  
19 made 51 tackles with seven passes defended and a pair of interceptions; and

20 WHEREAS, during the 2021 season, senior linebacker Holden Sapp made 123 tackles,  
21 including 17 for losses, with four sacks and six quarterback hurries; five interceptions  
22 (including three interceptions returned for touchdowns and 158 yards); two passes defended;  
23 and a fumble recovery; and

24 WHEREAS, during the 2021 season, senior linebacker Mac Kromenhoek (77 tackles,  
25 including 16.5 for losses and a team-high 6.5 sacks), senior defensive back Ben Hollerbach  
26 (66 tackles, including three for losses, and four interceptions), junior defensive lineman Cole  
27 Semien (68 tackles, including 10 for losses and five sacks), and sophomore linebacker Bryce  
28 Baker (team-high 129 tackles, including 12.5 for losses) led the Cadets to 13 consecutive  
29 victories to end the season with a 13-2 record; and

30 WHEREAS, the performance of the team is a clear indication of the outstanding talent,  
31 dedication, and hard work as well as the unity of purpose and spirit possessed by each  
32 member of the team from the stars to the first-year players; their offensive and defensive  
33 assistant coaches; their trainers; and their fans; and

34 WHEREAS, Head Coach Danny Britt, in his 11th year as head coach at Benedictine Military  
35 School, was selected as the *Savannah Morning News'* 2021 All-Greater Savannah Football

36 Coach of the Year and *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution's* 2021 Class AAAA Football Coach  
37 of the Year; and

38 WHEREAS, Head Coach Britt was supported by an outstanding group of assistant coaches  
39 and trainers; and

40 WHEREAS, the Cadets were supported by a loyal and raucous fan base that packed their  
41 home stadium for home games and traveled by the thousands to witness regular-season and  
42 playoff victories hundreds of miles from their home in Savannah, Georgia; and

43 WHEREAS, the Cadets achieved this great success through fierce determination and months  
44 of hard work and an attitude shared by all Cadets faithful of "Set the Standard" and "Next  
45 Level."

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
47 the members of this body congratulate the Benedictine Military School Cadets football team  
48 for winning the 2021 Georgia High School Association Class AAAA State Championship.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
50 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
51 Benedictine Military School Cadets football team.