

## Senate Resolution 540

By: Senators Kirk of the 13th, Harper of the 7th, Burke of the 11th, Sims of the 12th, Black of the 8th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Tift County High School Blue Devils basketball team for winning the 2017  
2 GHSA Class 7A State Basketball Championship; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Tift County High School Blue Devils basketball 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 basketball  
7 competition by posting an outstanding record of 29 wins and only 2 losses; and

8 WHEREAS, excellent play, superior teamwork, and extraordinary resilience made this team  
9 a spectacular one to observe throughout the season, and as a fitting finale to its remarkable  
10 2017 campaign, the team captured its third state basketball championship; and

11 WHEREAS, the phenomenal performance of the team is a clear indication of the outstanding  
12 athletic ability, the dedication and hard work, and the unity of purpose and spirit of each  
13 member of the team under the astute direction of Head Coach Dr. Eric L. Holland and  
14 assistant coaches Chris Wade, Xavier Holmes, Anthony Bateman, and Dallas Neloms; and

15 WHEREAS, this all-star team included Tyree Marshall, Fred Lloyd, Micah Johnson,  
16 Montavious Terrell, Jay Johnson, Rashod Bateman, Chad Copeland, Michael Graydon,  
17 Marquavious Johnson, McKenzie Jackson, Otis Jackson, JJ McClain, Andrew Johnson,  
18 Preston Horne, Camden Collins, and Deshonn Chaney; and

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

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
23 commend the Tift County High School Blue Devils basketball team for winning the 2017  
24 GHSA Class 7A State Basketball Championship and extend their most sincere best wishes  
25 for continued success.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
27 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Tift County  
28 High School Blue Devils basketball team.