

Senate Resolution 736

By: Senators Davenport of the 44th, Butler of the 55th, Anderson of the 43rd, Parent of the 42nd and Jones of the 10th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the DeKalb County School System Cedar Grove High School Saints football
2 team for winning the 2023 Class 3A Boys State Football Championship; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the DeKalb County School System is dedicated to developing students
5 academically as well as athletically; and

6 WHEREAS, the then–No. 2 ranked Cedar Grove High School Saints football team, under
7 the direction of Head Coach John Adams, defeated the No. 4 ranked Savannah Christian
8 Raiders in a 49-28 victory to win the state 3A football title at the Mercedes-Benz Stadium
9 in Atlanta on Wednesday, December 13, 2023; and

10 WHEREAS, the Saints pulled away from a 14-14 second quarter tie with four unanswered
11 touchdowns to go up 42-14 with 7:01 left in the third quarter, and a 31-yard pass gave the
12 Saints the lead for good; and

13 WHEREAS, Quarterback EJ Colson finished the game hitting on 11 of 16 passes for 259
14 yards and four touchdowns to be named the GPB Player of the Game, and defensive lineman

15 Chase Kerns anchored the defense with 11 total tackles including two sacks and three
16 tackles; and

17 WHEREAS, we recognize and commend the members of this remarkable team, including
18 Boden Walker, Elliott Colson, Devin Carter, Anthony Booker, Andrew Leslie, Kaiden
19 Hambrick, Lakhi Roland, Malachi Miller, Tony Forney, Javari Ramsey, Wesley Brown,
20 D'Marcus Clements, Zsewaun Smith, Jeremiah Stallworth, Jakori Kareem, Jordan Christie,
21 Lemacio Martin, King Parrom, Jordan Christie (Blue), Joseph Slaughter, Nicholas Hill,
22 J'Corey Cox, Keith Bass, DeSean Hendrix, Quentavious Price, Jabborie Bowe, Ma'Khi
23 Watson, Marquis Cohen, Jacob Johnson, Nash Johnson, Eli Harris, Tristen Henry, Taharaq
24 Scarborough, Deon Burns, Braylon Gilstrap, LeMarcus Parks, Shannon Collier, Russell Alex
25 Brock, Gavin Giles, Kingsley Dudley, Xselynce Keith - Auston, Neive McNally, Rayquan
26 Thompson, Jaidyn Owens, Marketh Bell, Kaden Drake, Jaylen Slaughter, Chase Kerns,
27 Javon Beckford, Andre Calhoun, Kyle Mosley, Collin Davis, Cameron Foley, Earnest
28 Rankins, Dexttre Mincey, Michael Everett, Cameron Foley (White), Alphonson Dreher,
29 Shannon Arrington, Jordan Thornton, Abdul Hawkins, Dominick Reynolds, Tyler Lawrence,
30 Corice Spears, Javon Braden, Samarias Turner, Jaylen Thomas, Ryan Worrell, Jasiah
31 Johnson, Kareem Cobb, and Waylon Wooten; and

32 WHEREAS, we recognize and commend Head Coach John Adams and the members of his
33 assistant coach staff: Kendrick Callier, Matthew Dry, Isaiah Cook, Deonta Foxx, Brandon
34 Jackson, William Hannah, Terrance Hill, Marlon Moore, Henry Mabry, and Ryan
35 Witherspoon; and

36 WHEREAS, this state football championship is the fifth state title overall for the Saints
37 football program and the fifth in eight seasons, including the 2016, 2018, 2019, and 2021
38 state championships; and

39 WHEREAS, the Cedar Grove Saints win is the 324th state title for the DeKalb County
40 School District and Cedar Grove's 13th state title overall; and

41 WHEREAS, with this decisive victory, Cedar Grove High School is now home to the first
42 DeKalb County football program to win five state titles.

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
44 congratulate and acknowledge the great athletic accomplishments of the DeKalb County
45 School System Cedar Grove High School Saints football team, having achieved one of the
46 highest levels attainable by a high school football program.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
48 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Cedar Grove
49 High School Saints football team.