

1 A RESOLUTION honoring the Belfry High School football team on winning its
2 fourth consecutive state championship.

3 WHEREAS, the Belfry High School Pirates entered the 2016 season having won
4 three consecutive 3A state championships and beginning their title defense under the
5 pressure that accompanies all winning teams with championship traditions; and

6 WHEREAS, Belfry responded to that pressure by completing another extraordinary
7 season, winning 14 games against only one loss and capturing its fourth consecutive 3A
8 state championship and its sixth in school history; and

9 WHEREAS, on December 3, 2016, the Belfry Pirates took on the Central High
10 School Yellow Jackets at Houchens Industries/L.T. Smith Stadium in Bowling Green for
11 the class 3A championship. The Pirates' daunted rushing attack and its nationally
12 renowned offensive line paved the way for 407 rushing yards without a pass attempt.
13 Derek Wellman was the team leader with 195 rushing yards and two touchdowns, while
14 Cameron Catron rushed for 106 yards and Taveon Hunter went for 92 yards and two
15 touchdowns. The Belfry defense intercepted Central three times, and the ground attack
16 put the game on ice in the final minutes as Belfry topped Central 52-31 and notched its
17 fourth consecutive state title; and

18 WHEREAS, this honorable body congratulates the Belfry High School football
19 team upon its fourth consecutive 3A state championship; commends Coach Philip
20 Haywood and his talented coaching staff for their hard work and dedication; and offers its
21 sincere appreciation to all the families, the support staff, and the administration at Belfry
22 High School who have helped these young men grow on and off the field;

23 NOW, THEREFORE,

24 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
25 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

26 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives hereby honors the Belfry High School
27 football team upon winning the 2016 3A Russell Athletic/KHSAA Commonwealth

1 Gridiron Bowl, and recognizes the time and effort put in by all the players, coaches, and
2 support staff to help make the season a success.

3 ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in
4 honor of the Belfry High School football team.

5 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
6 copy of this Resolution to Representative Chris Harris for delivery.