

House Resolution 43

By: Representatives Benton of the 31st and Quick of the 117th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Jefferson High School Dragons on their Class AA Football State
2 Championship win and inviting the team and coaches to be recognized by the House of
3 Representatives; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, through perseverance and iron determination, the Jefferson High School
5 Dragons gained their first ever championship title in the school's history with a hard-earned
6 31-14 victory over the top-ranked defending state champion Calhoun Yellow Jackets at the
7 Georgia Dome; and

8 WHEREAS, the Dragons remained undaunted despite being the underdogs, building a 21-7
9 halftime lead and never relinquishing their hold on the game; and

10 WHEREAS, the phenomenal performance of the team is a clear indication of the outstanding
11 athletic ability, the dedication and hard work, and the unity of purpose and spirit of each
12 member of the team; their superb offensive and defensive talents; and the astute direction of
13 head coach T. McFerrin, now a two-time state champion; and

14 WHEREAS, the Jefferson Dragons finished with 472 total yards, 284 rushing and 188
15 passing, against one of the state's top defenses, showing that they truly came to win; and

16 WHEREAS, the team's phenomenal performance is their way of giving back to an
17 unbelievably supportive and deserving community; and

18 WHEREAS, as the team has now fulfilled its destiny, Jefferson alum and current country
19 music star Brantley Gilbert may have to change his song lyric "it'd be a miracle if we won
20 a state championship"; and

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

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body congratulate the Jefferson High School Dragons for winning the
26 2012 Class AA State Football Championship, extend their sincerest best wishes for future
27 success, and invite the team and coaches to be recognized by the House of Representatives
28 at a date and time designated by the Speaker of the House.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Jefferson High School.