

## House Resolution 932

By: Representatives Blackmon of the 146<sup>th</sup>, Ballard of the 147<sup>th</sup>, Dickey of the 145<sup>th</sup>, Williams of the 148<sup>th</sup>, and Stinson of the 150<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Perry High School Panthers football team for winning the 2023 GHSA  
2 Class 4A State Football Championship; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Perry High School Panthers football team has established and maintained  
4 a proud tradition of excellence with equal emphases on character and academics; and

5 WHEREAS, the team brought special recognition to its school by winning the 2023 GHSA  
6 Class 4A State Football Championship against the formidable Stockbridge Tigers with a final  
7 score of 38 to 27; 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 2023 campaign, the team captured the first state football championship in program history;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, although the Panthers fell behind early, the pivotal play of the match was  
13 Gesha'nn Heard's recovery of a nearly fumbled kickoff, which he followed with a 54-yard  
14 dash to the end zone for the score; and

15 WHEREAS, junior running back Ahmad Gordon's exceptional performance, including three  
16 touchdowns, significantly contributed to the team's victory and ensured that they would not  
17 lose their lead; and

18 WHEREAS, the phenomenal performance of the team is a clear indication of the outstanding  
19 athletic ability, dedication, hard work, and unity of purpose and spirit of each member of the  
20 team; its superb offensive and defensive talents; and the astute direction of Head Coach  
21 Kevin Smith; and

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

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
26 the members of this body congratulate the Perry High School Panthers football team for  
27 winning the 2023 GHSA Class 4A State Football Championship and extend best wishes for  
28 their continued success.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
30 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
31 Perry High School Panthers football team.