





HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION congratulating the Ben Davis High School football team.

Whereas, The 12-2 Ben Davis Giants captured the Indiana High School Athletic Association Class 6A state football championship by defeating the top-ranked Carmel Greyhounds 42-24;

Whereas, This state championship win marks the eighth title won by Ben Davis, making the Giants the seventh school with as many crowns;

Whereas, Coming from behind has become a way of life for the tenacious Ben Davis Giants;

Whereas, The Giants rallied to defeat Warren Central 40-36 in the regional, and trailed Center Grove by 17 in the fourth quarter in the semistate before winning 49-45;

Whereas, Making its 10th appearance in a football championship game and the first in 12 years, the Ben Davis team did not panic when it fell behind by 17 points early in the second quarter, the team simply began chipping away at the lead;

Whereas, The first two touchdowns of the second half were the result of a fumble recovery and a pass interception, leading to scoring drives of 26 and 38 yards;

Whereas, With 5:38 left in the game, the Giants stunned the



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crowd when the team lined up as if to attempt a field goal, but holder Kyle Castner took the snap and headed for the end zone, scoring a three-yard touchdown putting Ben Davis ahead by 18;

Whereas, Kyle Castner completed 18 of 30 passes for 136 yards and two scores and running back Chris Evans rushed for 131 yards and a touchdown on 19 carries;

Whereas, Chris Evans, who rushed for 131 yards, added a 38-yard touchdown with 1:46 left in the game;

Whereas, Coach Mike Kirschner credits the Giants' state championship victory on the strength of victories over four consecutive top 10 teams to end the year;

Whereas, Athletics can play a major role in the development of our youth. Striving for excellence in athletics, as in life, helps to teach our children to always try to achieve their personal best in whatever they are doing; and

Whereas, The team's state championship and great season are the consequence of a total team effort, and each member of the team, the managers, and the coaching staff should be praised for superior performance and team spirit: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the Senate concurring:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly congratulates the Ben Davis Giants on its Indiana High School Athletic Association Class 6 football championship and to wish the team continued success both on and off the field.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to each member of the Ben Davis High School football team, head coach Mike Kirschner, assistant coaches Anthony Arnett, Jon Tate, LT Helton, and Brett Waller, assistant athletic director Doug Schornick, athletic director John Clark, and principal Sandra Squire.



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