

By Representative Boyd

1 House Resolution
2 A resolution recognizing the Taylor County High
3 School Bulldogs, 1997 Class 3A State High
4 School Football Champions.
5
6 WHEREAS, on December 19, 1997, the Taylor County High
7 School Bulldogs won the first state football championship in
8 Taylor County High School history, and
9 WHEREAS, with a full one-third of Taylor County's
10 population in attendance at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium on the
11 University of Florida campus, the Taylor County High School
12 Bulldogs defeated the Clewiston Tigers 14-6, and
13 WHEREAS, led by Head Coach Shaw Maddox, in just his
14 second year as the Bulldogs' head coach, and a dedicated group
15 of assistant coaches, the Bulldogs captured one of only two
16 state championships in the history of Taylor County High
17 School, and
18 WHEREAS, following an 8-2 regular season, Taylor County
19 won its district with exciting victories over rivals Jefferson
20 County, 24-21, and Florida High, 55-20, and
21 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs won their first-round playoff
22 game against Hamilton County 25-6, and then advanced to the
23 regional semifinals with a 41-0 victory over Holmes County,
24 and
25 WHEREAS, Taylor County then defeated
26 Jacksonville-Bolles by a score of 41-14, and Trinity Christian
27 Academy 33-21 to reach the championship game, and
28 WHEREAS, in defeating Clewiston in the championship
29 game, Class 3A High School "Player of the Year," Varian "Bear"
30 Dunnell, rushed for 217 yards, placing him fifth on the
31 state's all-time championship game rushing list, and, with 41

1 carries, was one carry short of breaking the record for
2 carries in a state championship game, thus earning him Most
3 Valuable Player honors for the state championship, and
4 WHEREAS, it is with great pride and admiration that the
5 citizens of Perry, Florida, and of Taylor County honor the
6 team members and coaching staff of the Taylor County High
7 School Bulldogs for the achievement of their championship
8 season, NOW, THEREFORE,

9
10 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
11 Florida:

12
13 That the House of Representatives of the State of
14 Florida hereby recognizes and congratulates the Taylor County
15 High School Bulldogs, 1997 Class 3A State High School Football
16 Champions.

17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31