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House Resolution

A resolution honoring the Lakeland High School Dreadnaughts football team.

WHEREAS, on Friday, December 17, 1999, at the University of Florida's Ben Hill Griffin Stadium in Gainesville, the Lakeland High School Dreadnaughts won the 1999 Class 5A State High School Football Championship by defeating the Springfield Rutherford High School Rams by a score of 45-12, thus earning the third state football title for the Dreadnaughts and the third in Coach Bill Castle's 24 years as a head football coach, and

WHEREAS, the Dreadnaughts posted a 15-0 record for the 1999 season and are currently tied for the state record of 46 consecutive regular-season victories, and

WHEREAS, the team is number 6 in the USA Today Super 25 high school football rankings, number 1 in the Gatorade Top 25, and overall state champions, and

WHEREAS, the 1999 Class 5A State High School Football Championship was a total team effort, reflecting a season of dedicated practice and contributions by all members of the team, Head Coach Bill Castle, and his assistant coaches, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida:

That the Florida House of Representatives joins the citizens of Lakeland in congratulating each member of the Lakeland High School Dreadnaught football team, Head Coach Bill Castle, and his assistants, Bill Galloway, Clay Taylor,

1 Skip Richey, Tom Short, Fred Lopez, Shannon Arnett, and Bob
2 Leitner, for their accomplishments in winning the 1999 Class
3 5A State High School Football Championship.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
5 be presented to Coach Bill Castle, the assistant football
6 coaches, Principal Mark Thomas, Athletic Director Sid
7 Kimbrell, and each member of the Lakeland High School
8 Dreadnaught football team as a tangible token of the
9 sentiments expressed herein.

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