

By Senator Lawson

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the 2009-2010 Rickards High School Boys' Basketball Team, winners of the Florida High School Athletic Association Class 3A State Championship.

WHEREAS, with commitment, determination, and hard work, the 2009-2010 Rickards High School Boys' Basketball Team won the Florida High School Athletic Association Class 3A State Championship on March 4, 2010, at the Lakeland Center by beating the two-time defending State Champion, Pine Crest High School, by a score of 70 to 46, and

WHEREAS, claiming the State Championship title, the 2009-2010 Rickards High School Boys' Basketball Team finished the season with a perfect 27-0 record, and

WHEREAS, outstanding skill, sportsmanship, and competitiveness have been characteristics consistently demonstrated by Rickards Raiders teammates Chris Bryant, Jakari Bush, Cameron Coffee, D'Marnier Cunningham, Avery Curry, Jerrell Gregory, Jordan Gregory, Fred Griggs, Devonte "Terry" Johnson, Avery Moore, and George Williams, and

WHEREAS, led by Head Coach Eli A. Bryant and Assistant Coaches Chester Coffee, Phillip Everette, Desmond Cole, Avery Curry and Roy Howard, the Rickards Raiders accomplished the team's goal to win the 3A state title and, in doing so, became the first team since 2005 to finish the season undefeated, and

WHEREAS, the 2010 championship marks the third Florida High School Athletic Association Class 3A State Championship for the Rickards High School Boys' Basketball Team, the first since

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31 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the 2009-2010 Rickards
32 High School Boys' Basketball Team is applauded for the numerous
33 accomplishments of its players and coaches, NOW, THEREFORE,

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35 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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37 That the Senate honors the 2009-2010 Rickards High School
38 Boys' Basketball Team for their outstanding record and for
39 winning the 2010 Florida High School Athletic Association Class
40 3A State Championship.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with
42 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to the 2009-2010
43 Rickards High School Boys' Basketball Team as a tangible token
44 of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.