

By Senator Gruters

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Senate Resolution

A resolution celebrating the Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School Cougars' 2023 Class 1S state football championship.

WHEREAS, talent, skill, and commitment combined with exemplary teamwork to produce a winning football season for the Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School Cougars, who won the Florida High School Athletic Association Class 1S state championship on December 8, 2023, and

WHEREAS, the victory was especially noteworthy, given that Cardinal Mooney players, fans, and alumni of the Sarasota high school had not celebrated a state football title win in more than 50 years, and

WHEREAS, the grand finale of the Cougars' successful 2023 season took place at Bragg Memorial Stadium in Tallahassee in a title game against Ocala's Trinity Catholic High School, with Cardinal Mooney winning 31-27 in a contest that was not decided until the final minutes of the game, and

WHEREAS, under the guidance and leadership of Head Coach Jared Clark, who is an alumnus of Cardinal Mooney High, the Cougars performed as true champions, finishing the 2023 season with a record of 12 wins and 2 losses, and

WHEREAS, in particular, the members of the team's senior class played a significant role in the Cougars' football success on both offense and defense, and but all of the players on this state championship team will look back on their athletic accomplishment with pride for years to come, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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32 That the Senate celebrates the Cardinal Mooney Catholic  
33 High School Cougars' 2023 Class 1S state football championship.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with  
35 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Cardinal Mooney  
36 Principal Ben Hopper, Cougars Head Coach Jared Clark and the  
37 team as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida  
38 Senate.