

A RESOLUTION celebrating the Belfry High School football team upon winning the class 3A KHSAA state championship.

WHEREAS, the Belfry High School Pirates entered the 2014 season as defending 3A state champions, and began their title defense under the pressure that accompanies all winning teams with championship traditions; and

WHEREAS, Belfry responded to that pressure by completing another extraordinary season, winning 13 games against only two losses and capturing its second consecutive class 3A state title; and

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2014, the Belfry Pirates took on the Central High School Yellowjackets at Houchens Industries/LT Smith Stadium for the class 3A championship. The Pirates' stifling defense held Central without an offensive touchdown on the day, and led on offense by running back and game MVP Austin Hatfield's 240 rushing yards and a touchdown and quarterback Keaton Taylor's 117 rushing yards and a touchdown, secured a 14-7 victory and Belfry's fourth state championship in program history; and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body hereby congratulates Belfry High School upon its second consecutive class 3A KHSAA state championship; commends Coach Philip Haywood and his talented coaching staff for their hard work and dedication; and offers its sincere appreciation to all the families, the support staff, and the administration at Belfry High School who have helped these young men grow on and off the playing field;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. The Senate honors the Belfry High School football team upon winning the 2014 Class 3A KHSAA state championship, and recognizes the time and effort put in by all of the players, the coaches, and the support staff to help make the season a success.

➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of the Belfry High School football team.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Senator Ray S. Jones II for delivery.