

1 A RESOLUTION honoring the Franklin-Simpson High School football team upon
2 winning the 2017 Kentucky 4A State Championship.

3 WHEREAS, this honorable body commends rare athletic achievement, and gives
4 special commendation to those athletic teams who pursue such excellence that they
5 become examples for the youth of this Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, the Franklin-Simpson High School football team achieved such
7 excellence on December 2, 2017, when they defeated Johnson Central High School 35-21
8 to win the Class 4A Russell Athletic/KHSAA Commonwealth Gridiron Bowl at Kroger
9 Field in Lexington; and

10 WHEREAS, Franklin-Simpson High School was beaten by Johnson Central in the
11 2016 state championship game, and they atoned for that loss by playing their best football
12 of the season in the 2017 title game. Rylan Thomas threw for 195 yards and a touchdown
13 and added a rushing touchdown, Tre Bass ran for 76 yards and netted two touchdowns,
14 and Javon Covington caught four passes for 97 yards. Defensively James Baker and Cade
15 Harvey combined for 11 solo tackles, while Franklin-Simpson as a team held Johnson
16 Central to just 66 yards of rushing; and

17 WHEREAS, the state championship ended an incredible season for Franklin-
18 Simpson High School, which improved to 12-3 and captured its first 4A state
19 championship; and

20 WHEREAS, the achievements of the Franklin-Simpson High School football team
21 and its coach, Doug Preston, deserve recognition and have earned these young men a
22 rightful place at the top of their sport. For their impressive 2017 season and for the
23 example they have set for future generations of young athletes in this Commonwealth,
24 this body honors them and wishes them the best of luck in all their future endeavors;

25 NOW, THEREFORE,

26 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
27 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

1 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives, both individually and
2 collectively, hereby commend the Franklin-Simpson High School football team upon its
3 4A state championship and congratulate each member of the team, Head Coach Doug
4 Preston, and the entire Franklin-Simpson community.

5 ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in
6 honor of the Franklin-Simpson High School football team.

7 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
8 copy of this Resolution to Representative Wilson Stone for delivery.