

Senate Resolution 469

By: Senators Goodman of the 8th, Watson of the 11th, Hodges of the 3rd, Hickman of the 4th, Burns of the 23rd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Pierce County High School Bears football team on their 2023 State 2A
2 football championship; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Pierce County High School Bears football team has established and
4 maintained a proud tradition of excellence with equal emphases on character and academics;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, excellent play, superior teamwork, and extraordinary resilience made this team
7 a spectacular one to observe throughout the season, and as a fitting finale to its extraordinary
8 2023 campaign, the team won in a three-overtime thriller to Pierce County with a final score
9 of 48-43 to become the State 2 A football champions; and

10 WHEREAS, the phenomenal performance of the team is a clear indication of the outstanding
11 athletic ability, dedication, hard work, and unity of purpose and spirit of each member of the
12 team; its superb offensive and defensive talents; and the astute direction of Head Coach Ryan
13 Herring who has led the Bears to two state championships in the previous four years; and

14 WHEREAS, this highly accomplished team included Caden McGatha who threw for two
15 touchdowns, ran for four touchdowns, including the game winning points, and became only
16 the second player in state history to throw for 2,000 yards and run for 2,000 yards; and

17 WHEREAS, this magnificent team performed with precision during the season and earned
18 its well-deserved reputation for high standards of athletic achievement, the quality of its play,
19 and the stiff competition it presented to its opponents.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 congratulate the Pierce County High School Bears football team on their 2023 State 2A
22 football championship; and extend best wishes for their continued success.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
24 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Pierce County
25 High School Bears football team.