

**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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_____, read first time and referred to Committee on _____



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2 Palestine High School football team on winning the 2025
3 Indiana High School Athletic Association Class 5A state
4 championship.

5 *Whereas, On November 28, 2025, the New Palestine High*
6 *School football team concluded its season at Lucas Oil Stadium*
7 *in Indianapolis, Indiana, securing its fifth Indiana High School*
8 *Athletic Association (IHSAA);*

9 *Whereas, Under the leadership of Head Coach Kyle Ralph,*
10 *with a perfect season record of 14-0, and with 28 consecutive*
11 *wins, the New Palestine Dragons, ranked first overall in Class*
12 *5A, advanced to the state championship game against*
13 *Merrillville High School;*

14 *Whereas, New Palestine Dragons earned their place in the*
15 *state championship by defeating Plainfield High School,*
16 *Cathedral High School, East Central High School, and*
17 *Bloomington High School South;*

18 *Whereas, Junior Josh Ranes proved instrumental to New*
19 *Palestine's success, recording four tackles half a sack, an*
20 *interception, 48 yards rushing, and scoring two touchdowns,*
21 *including a critical 24-yard run on third-and-nine to take a 23-*
22 *17 lead in the 4th quarter;*

23 *Whereas, Junior Jacob Davis provided a remarkable*
24 *performance, rushing for 129 yards on 17 carries and*
25 *completing six of 11 passes for 84 yards, despite sustaining*
26 *shoulder and ankle injuries during the contest and continuing*



1 *to lead his team with determination and composure;*

2 *Whereas, New Palestine's defense, ranked first in the state*
 3 *tightened decisively in the second half, limiting Merrillville to*
 4 *three points and producing critical stops, including an*
 5 *interception by Dragon sophomore Andrew Davis with just*
 6 *over five minutes remaining;*

7 *Whereas, Dragon senior Abe Walling received the Phil N.*
 8 *Eskew Mental Attitude Award in Class 5A Football and a*
 9 *\$1,000 scholarship presented by the Indianapolis Colts,*
 10 *honoring his excellence in scholarship, leadership, athletic*
 11 *achievement, and exemplary character;*

12 *Whereas, Coach Kyle Ralph earned Colts Coach of the*
 13 *Year honors for leading New Palestine to an outstanding*
 14 *season and for demonstrating exceptional leadership,*
 15 *commitment to excellence, and meaningful contributions to the*
 16 *New Palestine community and high school football in Indiana;*
 17 *and*

18 *Whereas, The New Palestine High School Dragons*
 19 *completed a historic postseason run, becoming the smallest-*
 20 *enrollment school in Class 5A and the first program to defeat*
 21 *five consecutive top-10-ranked opponents on their way to a*
 22 *state championship: Therefore,*

23 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives*
 24 *of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,*
 25 *the Senate concurring:*

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly congratulates the New Palestine High School football team on winning the 2025 IHSAA 5A state championship.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit copies of the resolution to Head Coach Kyle Ralph, statistician Andrew Smith, New Palestine Community Schools Superintendent Dr. Gina Pleak, and each member of the New Palestine High School football team.

