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8 COMMENDING THE LEEDS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM.
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10 WHEREAS, the young players who made up the Leeds
11 High School Green Wave football team overcame inexperience and
12 adversity to achieve a successful 2009 season; and

13 WHEREAS, the team was composed mostly of freshmen,
14 sophomores, and juniors but managed to finish the season with
15 an impressive 11-3 record, only the second team in Leeds
16 history to have more than 10 wins and also the second team to
17 make the semifinals; and

18 WHEREAS, the undefeated 2008 team had captured the
19 state championship, but 17 seniors graduated, leaving the
20 Green Wave with unlikely prospects for success in 2009; in
21 addition, the season was marked with a series of injuries, but
22 the motivated Leeds players rallied to defeat all 3A opponents
23 in the regular season, finding a way to win close games, one
24 after another, before finally falling in the semifinals of the
25 state playoffs to the Piedmont Bulldogs, who went on to win
26 the 2009 championship; and

1 WHEREAS, Head Coach Keith Etheredge had high praise
2 for the players, who combined hard work with teamwork
3 throughout the year; their success is the source of
4 justifiable pride to the school, their families, and the
5 entire community, and they have reestablished the Green Wave
6 as a formidable football power; now therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
8 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Leeds High School football
9 team is honored and commended in recognition of the successful
10 2009 season, and this resolution is offered in highest tribute
11 to the players and coaches, along with heartiest
12 congratulations on an 11-3 overall record.