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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.