

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2007**  
**RATIFIED BILL**

**RESOLUTION 2008-14**  
**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 2790**

A JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE 2007  
PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM.

Whereas, the Plymouth High School varsity football team captured its first State title by winning the 2007 NCHSAA State 1-A Football Championship, by defeating North Duplin High School 20-13; and

Whereas, during the Vikings' trip to the State championship, they defeated Cape Hatteras High School 56-0, North Edgecombe High School 48-0, Jones County Senior High School 48-0, and Robersonville Roanoke High School 48-6; and

Whereas, the Vikings finished their regular season undefeated with a record of 11-0; and

Whereas, the team had 49 players and five coaches, including Head Coach Robert Cody; Assistant Coaches Terry Perry, Cory Crossen, and Kerry Baldwin; and Trainer Jerry Jordan; and

Whereas, Coach Robert Cody has coached at Plymouth High School for 23 years; and

Whereas, the Vikings were also successful in the classroom with 11 of 17 seniors on the team planning to attend four-year colleges and universities and one planning to attend community college; and

Whereas, the achievements of the Vikings' football team is a fitting testimonial and memorial to the late Joseph W. Foster, Plymouth High School's former head football coach and athletic director, for whom the school's football field is named; and

Whereas, the Vikings' outstanding football season has brought great honor and distinction to the Washington County Schools and the State of North Carolina and deserves recognition; Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

**SECTION 1.** The General Assembly recognizes the achievements of the players, coaches, and staff of the Plymouth High School varsity football team and congratulates the team on winning the 2007 NCHSAA State 1-A Football Championship.

**SECTION 2.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Joseph W. Foster for his contributions to Plymouth High School's athletic program.

**SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Plymouth High School Principal, Gloria McCray, Varsity Football Coach, Robert Cody, and to the family of Joseph W. Foster.

**SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.  
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of  
June, 2008.

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Beverly E. Perdue  
President of the Senate

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Joe Hackney  
Speaker of the House of Representatives