



RECOGNITION

Honoring Jerrel Baskins, Southwest DeKalb Wrestling

WHEREAS: The DeKalb County School System is dedicated to developing students academically as well as athletically; and

WHEREAS: Jerrel Baskins, a senior wrestler at Southwest DeKalb High School, recently completed the 2023 wrestling season as the Class 4A Traditional Wrestling State Tournament, 175-weight class state champion; and

WHEREAS: Baskins defeated Heritage of Catoosa's Evan Wingrave with a 4-3 decision in the title match to win the gold medal following wins over Northwest Whitfield's Daniel Soto 8-3 in the quarterfinals and a semifinal win of a major decision (12-2) over North Oconee's Loudon Schnake; and

WHEREAS: The senior also brought home the 175 titles from the DeKalb County Wrestling Championships, the Area 6-4A Wrestling Championships and the Class 4A State Sectional Championships; and

WHEREAS: Baskins, known as one of Southwest DeKalb's wrestling "Four Horsemen" finished the season 24-0 overall in leading the Southwest DeKalb Panthers wrestling team to a third place finish in the GHSA Class 4A Traditional Wrestling State Championships; and; and

THEREFORE: We, the DeKalb County Board of Education, do hereby acknowledge the great athletic accomplishment of Southwest DeKalb High School's Jerrel Baskins having achieved one of the highest levels attainable by a high school wrestler. In official recognition whereof, we hereby affix our signatures, this 13th day of March 2023.



Mr. Diijon DaCosta Sr., Board Chair

Mrs. Deirdre P. Pierce, Vice Chair

Dr. Vasanne S. Tinsley, Interim Superintendent