

WHEREAS: The City of Savannah is fortunate to have educational facilities for our youth that provide interscholastic athletic programs in a family-like atmosphere with caring, loving, nurturing faculty and staff, and in that spirit, we salute with pride Memorial Day School; and

WHEREAS: Memorial Day School, established in 1971, continually seeks to prepare its students for the diverse challenges and opportunities of higher education and for responsible citizenship in a democratic society and in a rapidly changing world; and

WHEREAS: The Memorial Day Blue Thunder football team, led by Head Coach Michael Thompson, exemplifies exceptional talent, sportsmanship, and hardworking athletes. These characteristics have enabled the team to earn championship titles and school recognitions on the regional and state levels; and

WHEREAS: Coach Michael Thompson, a Savannah native and graduate of Memorial Day School and Georgia Southern University, has risen to the top of his profession by winning two state basketball and six state football championships in his 10 years of teaching and coaching; and

WHEREAS: On Friday, November 17, 2017, the Memorial Day School Blue Thunder football team defeated Robert Toombs Christian Academy 21-0 for its unprecedented sixth Georgia Independent School Association AA State Football Championship; and

WHEREAS: The Blue Thunder football team at Memorial Day School is being recognized by the City of Savannah's Mayor and Council for its completion of another successful season with a state championship title and future that has a positive and impressive outlook.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eddie W. DeLoach, Mayor of the City of Savannah, do officially acknowledge and congratulate the Memorial Day School's Blue Thunder football team, athletic directors, coaches and team captains on this extraordinary achievement, and wish the team tremendous success as they continue to excel in the sport of football.