

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 47

By Keisling

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the members and coaches of the Clay County High School Bulldogs football team.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should salute those student athletes who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as true champions of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary group of young athletes is the Clay County High School Bulldogs football team, whose members have all proven themselves to be the fiercest of competitors and truly worthy of admiration by finishing runner-up in the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Division I, Class A state championship; and

WHEREAS, during a truly historic season for the Clay County High School football program, the Bulldogs finished with a record of 13-2 as they won the Region 4-A title for the first time in school history, advanced to the semi-final round of the playoffs for the second time, and made their first appearance in the state championship game; and

WHEREAS, this stellar squad of Bulldogs was led by nine seniors who composed the winningest class in school history, namely Alec Kerr, Joseph Marcom, Keaton Arms, Levi Garrett, John Hamilton, Jimmy Burchett, Stone Lynn, Hunter Kyle, and Ricardo McElroy; and

WHEREAS, the Bulldogs enjoyed the stellar leadership and extensive football knowledge of Head Coach Bruce Lamb, who led the team to the title game in his first season as head coach, and Offensive Coordinator Jimmy Maynard, Defensive Coordinator Mike Dickerson, and assistant coaches Carl Ledbetter, Wilson Cates, and Steven Arms; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Clay County High School Bulldogs football team epitomize all that is good in today's student athletes, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while exhibiting the highest degree of character in all aspects of life; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a record-breaking season but also surely bode well for their future success; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Clay County High School Bulldogs for their outstanding performance this season; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the members and coaches of the Clay County High School Bulldogs football team upon their runner-up finish in the TSSAA Division I, Class A state championship and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.