

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 71

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Columbia Academy boys' bowling team, 2023 TSSAA Division II State Bowling Champions.

WHEREAS, we are pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school athletic teams that, through their magnificent efforts, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors for this State; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding group of student athletes is the 2023 Columbia Academy boys' bowling team, which claimed the TSSAA Division II State Championship on January 20, 2023, at the Smyrna Bowling Center in Smyrna; and

WHEREAS, on their march through the state tournament, Columbia Academy defeated Boyd Buchanan in the quarterfinals and St. Benedict in the semifinals, before winning a thrilling victory over Friendship Christian in the finals to claim the title of state champion; and

WHEREAS, by achieving their goal of hoisting the state championship trophy in 2023, the young men from Columbia Academy showcased the hard work and dedication that have made them a Tennessee high school bowling powerhouse; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Columbia Academy state champion bowling team are Chandler Butt, Conner Butt, Tori Duval, Nathan Hutton, Foster Isenberg, Frazier Isenberg, Treyson Journey, Caiden Nichols, Parth Patel, Knox Ransom, Isaac Smith, and Joshua Worley; and

WHEREAS, these tremendous young bowlers enjoy the astute leadership and keen insight of a tremendous coach, Head Coach Derek Ransom, who was recognized as TSSAA Division II Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Columbia Academy boys' bowling team have conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, this State takes great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of those student athletes who have excelled both in their sport and in the classroom; 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 honor and congratulate Coach Derek Ransom and the members of the Columbia Academy boys' bowling team on winning the 2023 TSSAA Division II State Championship and extend to them our best wishes for much 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.