

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 173

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend coaches Johnny Morgan and Joe Young, and the 2010-11 McMinn Central High School girls' basketball team upon winning the Division I Class AA state championship.

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

WHEREAS, the members of the 2010-11 McMinn Central High School girls' basketball team have proven themselves to be the ablest of competitors and, as such, deserving of the highest regard; and

WHEREAS, the Chargerettes achieved an extraordinary level of success during their tremendous season, which was capped by their recent victory in the Division I Class AA state championship, in which they defeated the Macon County High School team at Middle Tennessee State University's Murphy Center in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, led by Coach Johnny Morgan and Assistant Coach Joe Young, the McMinn Central team prevailed over the Macon County team by the score of 48-37, adding yet another chapter to the storied program's history; and

WHEREAS, this victory marks the Chargerettes' eleventh state tournament appearance and was heightened by the fact that the girls had come close to winning the title numerous times, but had been unable to fend off their competitors in previous appearances, finishing runner-up in 1997, 2004, and 2010; and

WHEREAS, the McMinn Central team was 35-1 going into the game against Macon County, who was 30-4; and

WHEREAS, the Chargerettes led Macon County 28-17 at the half, after knocking down six of eleven shots in the second quarter to break open a 13-10 game; and

WHEREAS, Macon County trimmed McMinn Central's lead to 32-23 in the second half with a 6-0 run and eventually trailed by just 36-28 in the third quarter, but they shot only twenty-five percent (twelve of forty-eight shots) from the floor, which the Chargerettes used to maintain a shooting advantage over Macon County and come out with a win; and

WHEREAS, game highlights included McMinn Central senior Jenna Adams, a Miss Basketball finalist and Lee University signee, contributing thirteen points, thirteen rebounds, and six blocks during the game; and

WHEREAS, sophomore Elizabeth Masengil, who was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player, contributed twenty-five points and five rebounds for the Chargerettes; and

WHEREAS, Coach Morgan and Coach Young's leadership and passion for the game are without question, and their principles of playing tenacious defense, controlling the ball on offense, and limiting mistakes were on display throughout the team's season; and

WHEREAS, the Chargerettes' managers, cheerleaders, and scorekeepers also played an instrumental role in the team's tremendous season and championship win, standing as avid supporters of the players and exuding an outstanding sense of team spirit; and

WHEREAS, the Chargerettes cruised to victory as Macon County had no answer for McMinn Central's relentless defense and aggressive board play, and the title game win marked Coach Morgan and Coach Young's 300th victory together; and

WHEREAS, the McMinn Central girls' basketball team epitomizes 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 women not only made possible a stellar triumph, but also surely bodes well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the members of the McMinn Central girls' basketball team for their

outstanding performance and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate coaches Johnny Morgan and Joe Young, and the 2010-11 McMinn Central High School girls' basketball team on winning the Division I Class AA 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.