

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 195

By Dennis

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Head Coach Wayne Maxedon, Assistant Coach Clay Surratt, and the Selmer Middle School boys basketball team upon winning the TNT State Championship.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful middle school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Head Coach Wayne Maxedon and Assistant Coach Clay Surratt, the Selmer Middle School boys basketball team is one such estimable team, which has achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2008-2009 season, culminating in the TNT State Championship; and

WHEREAS, after a disappointing loss to the Bethel Springs Rebels in the County Tournament, their season seemed to be over, but thanks to strong encouragement from Coach Maxedon and a team of determined players, the Lions roared on to the TNT Tournament determined to win; and

WHEREAS, going into their game against Sacred Heart, the Selmer Lions had built up their confidence with two significant wins, one over Collinwood, the other over Waverly; and

WHEREAS, after jumping to an early 17-11 lead in the first half, the Lions never trailed once during the title game against Sacred Heart, ultimately winning by a score 37-28; and

WHEREAS, Selmer Lions standouts included CJ Barnes, who led the team's scoring with fifteen points; Stuart Littlejohn had six points and six rebounds; and

WHEREAS, Marlon Thomas scored five points and had four rebounds, Matt Chandler had four points and five assists, Vossie Richardson had three points, and Kooper Davis and Corbin Kennedy both added two points each; and

WHEREAS, in the fourth quarter, with their confidence even higher, the Lions maintained their significant lead in no small part by hitting seven out of ten free throws; and

WHEREAS, thanks to Coach Maxedon's guidance and the players' skill and determination, the 2008-2009 team not only won the very first TNT Championship Title for the Selmer Middle School boys basketball team, but also ended the season with a remarkable 16-3 record; and

WHEREAS, the Selmer Middle School Lions epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved the highest level of success while showing the greatest degree of character both on and off the court; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible their TNT Championship, but also surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Selmer Middle School boys basketball team for their success on the court and to thank them for serving as fine examples of Tennessee's youth; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Head Coach Wayne Maxedon, Assistant Coach Clay Surratt, and the Selmer Middle School boys basketball team on their winning season and on capturing the TNT State Championship title.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.