

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 213

By Keisling

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Celina K-8 Junior High School Bulldog basketball team for winning the James C. Haile Division AAA title.

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

WHEREAS, one such team is the Celina K-8 Junior High School Bulldog basketball team, whose members and coach proved themselves worthy of praise and admiration by virtue of their second straight victory at the James C. Haile Division AAA State Championship, a fitting end to their dominant 22-2 season; and

WHEREAS, traveling to Murfreesboro for the state tournament, the Bulldogs defeated Southside Middle School 39-32 in the quarterfinal before routing Jackson County Middle School 46-29 to advance to the state championship game; and

WHEREAS, taking on Lipscomb Academy in the title game, the Bulldogs of Celina showcased their tenacious spirit, winning a 48-43 double-overtime victory and claiming the James C. Haile state title for the second consecutive year; and

WHEREAS, the members of this formidable team at Celina K-8 Junior High School include Levi Garrett, Sawyer Kerr, Aden Smith, Joseph Marcom, Colton Smith, Caleb McLerran, Bryce Bailey, Jimmy Burchett, John Hamilton, Weston Birdwell, Kyler Westmoreland, Joseph Birdwell, Ben Maxfield, Hayden McGee, Brayden Allred, and Gaven Beasley; and

WHEREAS, this championship team enjoyed the exemplary guidance and expertise of Coach Courtney Cherry; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Bulldogs epitomize all that is good in today's student athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while exhibiting the highest degree of character; and

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

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Celina K-8 Junior High School Bulldogs for their outstanding performance and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the athletes of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the members and coach of the Celina K-8 Junior High School Bulldog basketball team upon winning the James C. Haile Division AAA 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.