

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 367

By Keisling

A RESOLUTION to recognize head coach Rob Edwards and the Clay County High School boys' basketball team upon completion of an extraordinary season.

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

WHEREAS, the Clay County High School boys' basketball team is one such estimable team that achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2014–2015 season, establishing a record of twenty-seven wins against five losses overall, and they were undefeated in conference play (8–0); and

WHEREAS, District 7A tournament champions and Region 4A tournament champions, the Clay County Bulldogs defeated the Chattanooga School for the Arts and Sciences by a score of 55–47 in a Division I sectional game to earn a berth in the TSSAA state basketball tournament; and

WHEREAS, a dominant force in high school basketball, the Bulldogs finished the season with a total of 1,973 points while holding their opponents to 1,607 points. They shot 43 percent from the field, 32 percent from three-point range, and 61 percent from the free throw line; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding character, the members of the Clay County boys' basketball team conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee all season and during a valiant effort in the TSSAA state basketball tournament; and

WHEREAS, the Clay County High School boys' basketball team includes seniors John Tanner Dodson, Taylor Brown, and LaTrone Bowman; juniors Justin Boles, Wyatt Mabry, Matt

Maxfield, Jon Wayne Browning, and Clay Copass; sophomores Matt Ledbetter, Tyreke Key, Dawson Russell, Peyton Smith, Austin Hensley, Josh Endicott, and Taylor Strong; and freshmen Allen Scott, Seth Ogletree, and Dylan Maxfield; and

WHEREAS, this extraordinary basketball program has been shaped and forged by Head Coach Rob Edwards, assistant coaches Doug Strong and Matt Walker, and team managers Andrew Meadows, Ellie Ogletree, Zoie Birdwell, Emmy Upton, and Kendal Johnson; and

WHEREAS, the boys' basketball team at Clay County High School epitomizes 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 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 an extraordinary basketball season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future enterprise; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Clay County Bulldogs for qualifying for the TSSAA state basketball tournament, and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of Tennessee's student-athletes; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate head coach Rob Edwards and the members of the Clay County High School boys' basketball team on their outstanding 2014–2015 season and wish them every success in all 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.