

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 393

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the members and coaches of the Clay County High School boys' basketball team upon winning the TSSAA Division I Class A state championship.

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

WHEREAS, one such exemplary group of young athletes is the Clay County High School boys' basketball team, whose members have all proven themselves to be the fiercest of competitors and truly worthy of admiration by winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Division I Class A state championship; and

WHEREAS, the Clay County Bulldogs faced fierce opponents in each round of the state tournament, defeating Madison Magnet by a score of 57-55 in the quarterfinals and overpowering North Greene, 65-49, to claim the victory in the semifinals and punch their ticket to the championship game; and

WHEREAS, in the fight for the state title, the Bulldogs overcame a first quarter deficit and displayed their tenacious defense and precision offense in a thrilling 62-52 victory over Memphis Academy of Health Sciences to proudly hoist the coveted Golden Ball; and

WHEREAS, the Bulldogs were led by tournament MVP Grant Strong, who was joined on the all-tournament team by teammates Gunnar Silk and Keaton Arms; and

WHEREAS, on their path to winning the state championship, the Clay County Bulldogs also claimed the District 6A and Region 3A championship crowns, and finished their historic season with a tremendous record of 30-2; and

WHEREAS, the Clay County Bulldogs' superb victory may not have been possible without the stellar leadership of their head coach, Rob Edwards; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Clay County High School boys' basketball team 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 in all aspects of life; and

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

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Clay County High School boys' basketball team on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the members and coaches of the Clay County High School boys' basketball team upon winning the TSSAA Division I Class A 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.