

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 584

By Keisling

A RESOLUTION to honor Coach Matt Walker and the Dale Hollow Lakers seventh-grade girls' basketball team.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is 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 Dale Hollow Lakers seventh-grade girls' basketball team is one such team that enjoyed a stellar season in 2017, reaching the Final Four of the USBA National Championship in Charleston, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, fearlessly playing with tenacity and determination, the Dale Hollow Lakers fell just one game short of the championship final as they succumbed to the eventual national champion Team Attack-Aqua from Atlanta, Georgia, in the semifinals; and

WHEREAS, the nine girls of the Dale Hollow Lakers hail from Celina in beautiful Clay County and Tompkinsville, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, under the expert guidance and leadership of Coach Matt Walker, the members of the Dale Hollow Lakers learned the true meaning of teamwork during their tremendous season; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Dale Hollow Lakers seventh-grade girls' basketball team are Gracie Veach, Brynley Hatcher, Abby Eads, Claire Grace, Lauren Weaver, Cherokee Upton, Zoe Hayes, Eliza Jenkins, and Malila Myatt; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Dale Hollow Lakers are exceedingly grateful for the enthusiastic support they received from their families and their communities, without whom none of their triumphs would have been possible; and

WHEREAS, the members of this extremely talented basketball team epitomize all that is good in today's student athlete, as they have achieved the highest level of success on the court 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 women not only made possible an outstanding basketball season, 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 members of the Dale Hollow Lakers seventh-grade girls' basketball team for their success on the court and to thank them for serving as fine examples of our nation's youth; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate Coach Matt Walker and the members of the Dale Hollow Lakers seventh-grade girls' basketball team on reaching the Final Four of the USBA National Championship in Charleston, South Carolina, and extend to them our best wishes for much continued future success.

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