

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 661

By Carringer

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Powell High School Panthers football team on winning the 2021 TSSAA Division I, Class 5A State Football Championship.

WHEREAS, we are pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors for this State; and

WHEREAS, the Powell High School Panthers football team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2021 season, winning the coveted Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Division I, Class 5A State Football Championship; and

WHEREAS, state championships are achieved only through hard work, dedication, and the ability to work together as a team and excel with a cooperative spirit; the Panthers exhibited each of these rare qualities during their championship season; and

WHEREAS, Powell High School captured the school's first state football title with a thrilling 42-34 victory over Page High School in the BlueCross Bowl in Chattanooga at Finley Stadium on December 3, 2021; and

WHEREAS, playing with precision on offense and tenacity on defense, the Panthers devoured their opponents in the state playoffs, defeating Ooltewah 42-0, McMinn County 49-7, Rhea County 27-13, and Knox West 35-7 to advance to the championship game against Page, where they finished their season with a 13-2 overall record and the title of state champions; and

WHEREAS, the Powell Panthers enjoy the leadership and football knowledge of Head Coach Matt Lowe and an extraordinary coaching staff composed of Josh Jones, Adam Seymore, Matt Meade, Penny Smith, Pace Melvin, Jeff Lusby, Jackson Daniel, Herman Lathers, Daniel Thompson, Zack Gibson, Jake Dawson, and J.J. Jerman; and

WHEREAS, the Powell High School football program has the distinct privilege of utilizing the support staff services of Adam Moussa, Ron Kidd, Lukas Kidwell, Doug Lowe, Zac Goodin, Jim Branch, and Chelsea Robl; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Powell Panthers football team are Julian Allen, Fidelis Anighoro, Brayden Arnwine, Charles Barranger, Brian Belcher, Jeremiah Belmares, Cale Bennett, Brady Brewster, Jervis Brown, Jayven Cathey, Cameron Cole, Jayden Collins, Adrian Daugherty, Johntay Dunn, Nick Estes, Joshua Fife-Offshack, Byron Finger, J.J. Foust, Camron Gann, Mason Garner, Aiden Gomez, Dylan Goodwin, Ayden Greene, Joshua Hellard, Caden Hunley, Jahkye Irby, Braydyn Lewis, Cannon Lusby, Gianni Magdos, Jesse Massengill, Cameron McGinnis, Austin Meadows, Reggie Mills, Angel Miranda, Jonah Moore, Blake Neely, Fabby Neiwoh, Warren Nolen, Walter Nolen, Nathan Patterson, Owen Peterson, Gavin Pilkay, Jordyn Potts, Anthony Preece, Adarius Redmond, Eli Riggs, Kaleb Sanders, Jacob Sexton, Brayden Shreve, Steven Soles, Daniel Stanford, Jarvis Stockton, Dylan Stooksbury, Charvon Thomas, Dillon Toole, Adam Weaver, Jiziah Wells, Connor Wheeler, Carson Whitehead, Caden Williams, and Westin Williams; and

WHEREAS, the football players of Powell High School epitomize all that is good in today's student athletes, as they have achieved the highest level of success on the field while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the field; they inspired their fellow students and united the entire community during their triumphant run through the 2021 season; and

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

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the football players of Powell High School for serving as exemplars of the high quality of the youth of Tennessee; 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 honor and congratulate the players, coaching staff, team support staff, administrators, cheerleaders, and fans of the Powell High School Panthers football team on winning the 2021 TSSAA Division I, Class 5A State Football Championship.

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.