

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 707

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Alcoa High School football team upon winning the 2019 TSSAA Division I, Class 3A State Championship.

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

WHEREAS, the members of the Alcoa High School football team have proven themselves to be the ablest of competitors and, as such, deserving of the highest regard; and

WHEREAS, a nationally recognized dynasty in high school football, the Alcoa Tornadoes have long dominated the high school football arena in Tennessee and counted among their members some of the most talented young athletes to ever play on the gridiron; and

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2019, at Tucker Stadium on the campus of Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville, the Alcoa Tornadoes claimed their fifth straight Class 3A state championship title as they defeated Pearl-Cohn High School from Nashville by a final score of 27-0; and

WHEREAS, the winningest high school football program in state history, Alcoa High School has a state-record eighteen overall high school football championships and completed the 2019 season with a record of fourteen wins against just one loss; and

WHEREAS, the Alcoa Tornadoes enjoy the leadership and football knowledge of legendary Head Coach Gary Rankin and his exceptional staff, who inspire every player to give his best on the gridiron and in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the Alcoa High School Tornadoes football team, not only for the

team's championship win but also for the players' superior sportsmanship and the joy they have brought to their fellow students and the people 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 coaches and members of the Alcoa High School football team for their heralded victory as 2019 TSSAA Division I, Class 3A State Champions and extend to them our best wishes for every 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.