

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 734

By Powell

A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate the Valor College Prep boys' soccer team, TSSAA Class AA state champions.

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

WHEREAS, such estimable young Tennesseans are the members of the Valor College Prep boys' soccer team, who won the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Class AA state championship on May 26, 2023, in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, the Valor College Prep Wildcats are in their fourth competing year in varsity athletics and secured the school's first state title with a 1-0 victory against Greeneville High School after winning 4-3 in penalty kicks; and

WHEREAS, without a home field, the team practices at the Metro Soccer Complex and plays home games at Rose Park at Belmont University; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Coach Paul Elkins, who secured his fiftieth career win in just three seasons, the Valor College Prep Wildcats are the first public school team in Davidson County to win a soccer state championship, finishing their season 17-4-3; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding character, both individually and collectively, the players and coaches of the Valor College Prep boys' soccer team conducted themselves in a manner befitting the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the young men's noteworthy achievements, both on and off the field, are a tremendous source of pride for their families, their classmates at Valor College Prep, and the entire community; and

WHEREAS, the Valor College Prep boys' soccer team displayed uncommon talent, determination, and perseverance in its quest for athletic excellence, and it is wholly fitting that the members of the team should be commended; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate the members and coaches of the Valor College Prep boys' soccer team on winning the TSSAA Class AA state championship and extend to them our best wishes for 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.