

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 759

By Beck

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the coaches and members of the East Nashville Magnet School Lady Eagles basketball team upon winning the TSSAA Class AA 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 champions of whom we all can be proud; and

WHEREAS, the members of the East Nashville Magnet School Lady Eagles basketball team, Head Coach Lois Donaldson, and Assistant Coaches Trent Anderson and Elisha Anderson have proven themselves to be the fiercest of competitors and, as such, deserving of the highest regard, as they recently won the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Class AA state championship; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Eagles' first state championship crown in school history, the victory was a fitting end to a tremendous season that saw the team compile a record of 36-2 and claim the Beech Holiday Tournament, the District 10 AA regular season title, the District 10 AA tournament championship, and the Region 6 AA tournament championship on their march to the state tournament in Murfreesboro at Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, fearless and confident, the East Nashville Lady Eagles battled their way through the state tournament, defeating Christ Presbyterian Academy in the quarterfinals 47-35 before stopping powerhouse Westview in the semi-finals 35-32 to advance to the championship game; and

WHEREAS, playing tenacious defense, the Lady Eagles kept the upper hand through the championship game, scoring eighteen points off turnovers and scorching the nets for a 68.8

percent shooting percentage in the second half to build a double digit lead in the final minutes as they claimed the title of state champions with a 70-56 victory; and

WHEREAS, the members of the state champion East Nashville Lady Eagles are: Kyra Trice, Le'Jzae Davidson, Special Osborne, Kaia Upton, Erica Haynes-Overton, Markiah Bryson, Dwayneisha Woodland, Dekori Lockridge, Roszitta Bibbs, Desirae Patton, Quentarra Mitchell, Marquala Whitmon, Tristin Myers, Breanna Hopkins, and Asia Douglas; and

WHEREAS, at the state tournament in Murfreesboro, the Lady Eagles received stellar performances by State Tournament Most Valuable Player Kaia Upton, and fellow All-Tournament teammates Le'Jzae Davidson, Erica Haynes-Overton, and Kyra Trice; and

WHEREAS, no strangers to awards and accolades, the Lady Eagles' Erica Haynes-Overton was named Most Valuable Player of the region tournament while teammates Kaia Upton and Le'Jzae Davidson won All-Region honors; Le'Jzae Davidson was Most Valuable Player of the district tournament with Erica Haynes-Overton earning All-District honors; Kaia Upton, Erica Haynes-Overton, and Le'Jzae Davidson were named to the regular season All-District team; and Erica Haynes-Overton picked up Most Valuable Player honors at the Beech Invitational with fellow Lady Eagles Le'Jzae Davidson and Kaia Upton named to the All-Tournament team; and

WHEREAS, enjoying the support of their families, their classmates, and the entire faculty and staff of East Nashville Magnet School under Executive Principal Stephen Ball, the members of the East Nashville Lady Eagles 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 women 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 East Nashville Magnet School

Lady Eagles basketball team for their outstanding performance, and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the coaches and members of the East Nashville Magnet School Lady Eagles basketball team upon winning the TSSAA Class AA 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.