

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 784

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A RESOLUTION to honor the 2014 Senior Class of the Vanderbilt University Football Team, the most successful in Vanderbilt football history.

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

WHEREAS, one such exceptional group of student athletes includes the members of the 2014 Senior Class of the Vanderbilt University Football Team, who became the most successful senior class in Vanderbilt football history as they led the Commodores to their third straight post-season bowl game for the first time in school history; and

WHEREAS, accounting for 378 career starts during their time at Vanderbilt, the 2014 Senior Class set numerous school football records that thrilled countless Commodore fans across the nation and around the globe; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Senior Class enjoyed the first back-to-back nine win seasons in school history, the longest road winning streak since 1950, the longest win streak since 1948, and the longest Southeastern Conference (SEC) win streak since 1949; and

WHEREAS, this dynamic gridiron force compiled the most total SEC wins since the Class of 1951, defeating Florida at the Swamp for the first time since 1945, upending Ole Miss in back-to-back seasons for the first time since 1951, and sweeping Florida, Georgia, and Tennessee in the same season for the first time in school history; and

WHEREAS, the Commodores showcased their potent offense and opportunistic defense as they lit up the scoreboard, posting forty or more points in a game the most times since 1915 and the largest margin of victory over Kentucky since 1916; and

WHEREAS, the Senior Class of 2014 enjoyed sweet success in back-to-back seasons against Tennessee as the Commodores defeated the Volunteers at home for the first time in thirty years, having posted the largest margin of victory over the Big Orange since 1954; and

WHEREAS, the members of the 2014 Senior Class of the Vanderbilt University Football Team are: Karl Butler, linebacker, New Orleans, Louisiana; Austyn Carta-Samuels, quarterback, San Jose, California; Steven Clarke, cornerback, Lauderdale Lakes, Florida; Hasan Clayton, running back, Arlington Heights, Illinois; Chase Garnham, linebacker, Fairhope, Alabama; Andre Hal, cornerback, Port Allen, Louisiana; Wesley Johnson, offensive tackle, Nashville, Tennessee; Jonathan Krause, wide receiver, Snellville, Georgia; Kenny Ladler, safety, Stone Mountain, Georgia; Fitz Lassing, fullback, Nashville, Tennessee; Javon Marshall, safety, Huber Heights, Ohio; Jordan Matthews, wide receiver, Madison, Alabama; Walker May, defensive end, Birmingham, Alabama; Jared Morse, defensive tackle, Oxford, Alabama; Warren Norman, running back, Chamblee, Georgia; Trent Pruitt, wide receiver, Fitzgerald, Georgia; Carey Spear, placekicker, Mayfield Village, Ohio; Patrick Sutton, linebacker, Charleston, South Carolina; Wesley Tate, running back, Hendersonville, Tennessee; and Chase White, offensive lineman, Plano, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Commodores' determination, work ethic, and talent have not only made possible memorable and successful collegiate football careers, 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 2014 Senior Class of the Vanderbilt University Football Team and specially recognize their extraordinary achievements on the gridiron; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor the 2014 Senior Class of the Vanderbilt University Football Team on becoming the most successful graduating class in Vanderbilt football history and extend to them our best wishes 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.