

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 857

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the coaches and members of the East Nashville Magnet School's boys basketball team upon finishing runner up in 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's boys basketball team have proven themselves to be the fiercest of competitors and, as such, deserving of the highest regard, as they recently placed second in the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Class AA state championship; and

WHEREAS, the Eagles put up a fierce fight against their opponents, with Terry Holt and Thomas Booker scoring twenty-six points each and Isiah Upton scoring eighteen points; and

WHEREAS, the members of this successful team include Terry Holt, Patrick Smith, Malik City, Chris Scott, JaVonte Walden, Daniel Vaughn, Brandon Van Leer, Alex Wells, Isiah Upton, Toree McGhee, Carl Brown, Thomas Booker, Isaiah Blacksmith, Dominique Washington, Leonardo Holmes, James Kirk, Bryson Baker, and DeVarius Cortner; and

WHEREAS, the team was led by Head Coach Jim Fey and Assistant Coaches Avery Patton and Kyle Upton and received the unwavering support of Principal Steve Ball; and

WHEREAS, the members of the East Nashville Magnet School 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 team has achieved a graduation rate of 100% over the past two years with 97% of the players going on to college or military service, proving their dedication to academics as well as athletics; and

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

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the members of the East Nashville Magnet School 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 EIGHTH 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 boys basketball team upon placing second in 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.