

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1080

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the members and coaches of the Pickett County Junior High School Bobcats boys' basketball team upon winning the James C. Haile State Tournament.

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

WHEREAS, one such exemplary group of young men is the Pickett County Junior High School Bobcats basketball team, whose members have proven themselves to be the fiercest of competitors and truly worthy of admiration by winning the James C. Haile State Tournament, Tennessee's oldest and largest middle school state basketball tournament; and

WHEREAS, a veritable powerhouse, Pickett County defeated Middle Tennessee Christian School by a score of 53-39 in the Class A final to bring the gold ball home to Byrdstown; and

WHEREAS, the Pickett County Bobcats finished the season with a near-perfect record of 22-1; and

WHEREAS, each Pickett County player contributed significantly to the overall success of the team and is worthy of our approbation; the young men who are proud to call themselves Bobcats include Cole J. Amonett, Brody Pryor, J.D. Davis, Abram Phillips, Paxton Boles, Reid Sells, Greyson Smith, Isaac Wright, and Brooks Coutta; and

WHEREAS, the Bobcats' superb performance would not have been possible without the stellar leadership of Coach Lee J. Amonett and the unfailing support of their families, their fans, and the Pickett County community; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Pickett County Junior High School boys' basketball team epitomize all that is good in today's student athletes, 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 men not only made possible a district championship but also surely bode well for their future success; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Pickett County Bobcats for their championship season on the hardwood; 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 honor and commend the members and coaches of the Pickett County Junior High School Bobcats boys' basketball team upon winning the James C. Haile Class A State Tournament 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.