

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1106

By Winningham

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Jim Brown and the Jackson County High School girls basketball team upon winning the 2010 TSSAA Class A State Championship.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson County High School girls basketball team is one such estimable team that recently won the 2010 TSSAA Class A Girls Basketball State Tournament held at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, led by Coach Jim Brown, the Jackson County High School Lady Blue Devils basketball team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2009-2010 season and claimed the seventh state title in program history; and

WHEREAS, determined to bring home the championship, the Lady Blue Devils claimed a thrilling 46-31 victory over Moore County in the state championship game, ending the contest on a 15-3 run to defeat the Lady Raiders; and

WHEREAS, led by the *Herald-Citizen's* All-Upper Cumberland Player of the Year, Laken Leonard, the Lady Blue Devils finished their season with an impressive record of thirty-two wins against only five losses; and

WHEREAS, Laken Leonard was also named Most Valuable Player of the State Tournament and was joined on the All-State Tournament team by teammates Emily Bowman, Victoria Stafford and Caroline Warden; and

WHEREAS, this exemplary team's remarkable triumph would not have been possible without the leadership of legendary Coach Jim Brown, who not only won a record sixth award as

the *Herald-Citizen's* All-Upper Cumberland Coach of the Year in a vote of the area's coaches, but also boasts an illustrious career record of 433-179, including ten district championships, six regional championships, six state championships, and a state tournament career record of 23-3; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding character throughout the season, the members of the Jackson County High School girls basketball team conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of these young women not only made possible a memorable championship season, but also surely point toward their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the people of Tennessee take great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of their athletes who have succeeded both on the court and in the classroom; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Coach Jim Brown and the Jackson County High School girls basketball team upon winning the 2010 TSSAA Class A Girls Basketball State Championship and wish them success in every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.