

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1144

By Thompson

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Douglass High School boys' basketball team on an outstanding season.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pay tribute to those exemplary student athletes who demonstrate character and integrity while also excelling in the sporting arena; and

WHEREAS, the Douglass High School boys' basketball team, led by Coach Greg Williams, recently completed an outstanding roundball campaign, dominating every game in their district during the regular season; and

WHEREAS, Coach Williams prepared the team with hard work and excellent practices, while honing the players' ability to bond closely together; and

WHEREAS, to ensure the Douglass Red Devils were battle tested, Coach Williams scheduled strong teams from as far away as Dallas, Texas; Minnesota; and the Chicago, Illinois, area, and the Red Devils won against them all; and

WHEREAS, Douglass High School entered the State Tournament in Murfreesboro with an incredible record of 33-0 and easily defeated Austin-East out of Knoxville in the quarter finals; and

WHEREAS, in the semifinals against White's Creek, the Red Devils, sparked by the play of Jarmon Brittman and Taquez Butler, beat back the Cobras to set up an elite championship matchup; and

WHEREAS, in the Class 2-A tournament final, Douglass faced defending champion Alcoa; despite a valiant effort by the Red Devils, Alcoa retained the state championship for another year; and

WHEREAS, the Douglass High School boys' basketball team showed the State and much of the country their heart and their desire to succeed; although they were not State champions for 2024, they are truly a great team and winners by all definitions of the word; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Douglass High School boys' basketball team displayed uncommon talent, determination, and perseverance in their quest for athletic excellence, and it is wholly fitting that they should be commended; 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 congratulate the Douglass High School boys' basketball team on their outstanding 2023-2024 season and wish them much continued success next season.

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.