

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1146

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the members and coaches of the Gibson County High School Lady Pioneers girls' basketball team upon winning the TSSAA Division I, Class 2A state championship.

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 ideal group of young women is the Gibson County High School Lady Pioneers basketball team, whose members have proven themselves to be the fiercest of competitors and truly worthy of admiration by claiming the TSSAA Division I, Class 2A state championship for the fourth time in school history; and

WHEREAS, a veritable powerhouse in Tennessee girls' high school basketball, Gibson County advanced to the state tournament after winning the District 14 and Region 7AA championships; and

WHEREAS, within the friendly confines of Middle Tennessee State University's Murphy Center, the Lady Pioneers overcame Huntingdon in the quarterfinals 58-49, defeated York Institute 38-35 in the semifinals, and surpassed Loretto 49-37 in the final game to be crowned state champions; and

WHEREAS, senior Micah Hart was named State Tournament Most Valuable Player and Class 2A Miss Basketball after leading her team to victory in the final with a 20-point and 7-rebound performance; and

WHEREAS, the Gibson County Lady Pioneers finished the season with an impressive record of 38-1 and their school's fourth state championship; and

WHEREAS, each Gibson County player contributed significantly to the overall success of the team and is worthy of our approbation; the young women who are proud to call themselves Lady Pioneers include Micah Hart, Maya Turner, Georgia Lannom, Kailey Davidson, Emily Skinner, A'Kira Riding, Sania Reeves, Jazmin Bailey, Kaitlyn Patterson, Joleigh McVay, and team manager, Bailey Sample; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Pioneers' superb performance would not have been possible without the stellar leadership of Coach Mitch Wilkins and his assistant coaches, Heather Scruggs and Annie Bass, and the unfailing support of their families, their fans, director of schools, administration, teachers and faculty of Gibson County Special School District, and the Gibson County community; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Gibson County High School girls' basketball team symbolize 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 women not only made possible a state 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 Gibson County Lady Pioneers 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 Gibson County High School Lady Pioneers girls' basketball team upon winning the TSSAA Division I, Class 2A 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.