

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1149

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the members and coaches of the Clarksville Christian School Lady Centurions girls' basketball team upon winning their third consecutive NACA National 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 exemplary group of young women is the Clarksville Christian School Lady Centurions basketball team, whose members have proven themselves to be the fiercest of competitors and truly worthy of admiration by claiming the National Association of Christian Athletes (NACA) Division III National Championship for the third consecutive year; and

WHEREAS, in the final game of this year's NACA tourney, the Lady Centurions dominated Mount Pisgah by a score of 68-36, with freshmen forward Lauren Hassell leading her team with 29 points, 10 rebounds, 4 assists, 5 steals, and 2 blocks; and

WHEREAS, Lauren Hassell and senior guard Jayla Smith were named to the All-Tournament team; and

WHEREAS, a veritable powerhouse in Tennessee girls' independent school basketball, the Lady Centurions also won their third consecutive Tennessee State Independent Athletic Association (TSIAA) State Championship this season; and

WHEREAS, Clarksville Christian School blasted the Boyd Christian Broncos 68-23 in the TSIAA final game to bring home the gold; and

WHEREAS, Lauren Hassell led her team to victory by scoring 31 points, grabbing nine rebounds, handing out four assists, and dominating the defensive end with three blocks and three steals; junior guard Nevaeh Brooks contributed 19 points and six steals to the effort; and

WHEREAS, each Clarksville Christian School 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 Centurions include Jordan Carey, Alessia Nesbitt, Yaya Cecilio, Nevaeh Brooks, Liz Witherspoon, Alexandria Anderson, Jayla Smith, Charlese Teasley, Maddie Morgan, Marley Spiers, Caylee Botz, Leaira Fisher, Mia Muiznieks, and Lauren Hassell; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Centurions' superb performance would not have been possible without the stellar leadership of Coach Trenton Hassell and his assistant coaches, Beth Rates and Lauren Yarbrough, and the unfailing support of their families, their fans, and the Clarksville community; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Clarksville Christian School girls' 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 women not only made possible national and state championships 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 Clarksville Christian Lady Centurions for their third 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 Clarksville Christian School Lady Centurions girls' basketball team upon winning their third consecutive

NACA Division III National Championship and their third consecutive TSIAA 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.