

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1195

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the coaches and members of the Loretto High School Mustangs basketball team upon winning the 2018 TSSAA Class A State Championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of 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, the members of the Loretto High School boys' basketball team and Head Coach Greg Tipps have proven themselves to be the fiercest of competitors and, as such, deserving of the highest regard, as they recently won the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Class A State Championship; and

WHEREAS, by claiming the title of State Champions, the Loretto Mustangs supplied the fitting ending to a storybook season that saw the team set a new school record for wins with twenty-nine, against only five losses; and

WHEREAS, during the 2017-2018 season, the young men from Loretto High School soundly defeated their rivals to become District Champions, Regional Champions, Sectional Champions, and State Tournament Champions; and

WHEREAS, Loretto's Ryan Weathers was named Most Valuable Player for the State Tournament and was joined on the 2018 All-Tournament team by fellow Mustangs Will McBee, Kirkland Surratt, and Jacob James; and

WHEREAS, the members of the State Champion Loretto Mustangs are Jacob Hallmark, Will McBee, Kirkland Suratt, Ryan Weathers, Jack Green, Jacob James, Jacob Beddingfield, Toby Glass, Guy Roy, Jude Thomas, Amauri Young, Logan Fisher, Aaron Gable, Tristen Green, and Adron Nobles; and

WHEREAS, throughout their stellar championship season, the Loretto Mustangs enjoyed the exemplary efforts and leadership of Head Coach Greg Tipps and assistant coaches Bryce Glass and Lucas Nunley, the hard work of team managers Abi Etienne, Abby Prince, and Mary White, and the support of Athletic Director Brian True and Dr. Jennifer Littleton, the principal of Loretto High School; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Loretto High School Mustangs basketball team epitomize all that is good in today's student athlete, 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 championship season, but also surely bode well for their future success; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Loretto High School Mustangs basketball team for their outstanding performance and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the coaches and members of the Loretto High School Mustangs basketball team upon winning the 2018 TSSAA Class A 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.