

HOUSE RESOLUTION 69

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the coaches and members of the Lighthouse Christian School boys' basketball team upon winning the National Association of Christian Athletes State and National Championships.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body 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 Lighthouse Christian School boys' basketball team and head coach Victor "Vic" Wharton Sr. have proven themselves to be the fiercest of competitors and, as such, deserving of the highest regard, as they recently won the National Association of Christian Athletes (NACA) state and national championships; and

WHEREAS, Coach Wharton and the team focused on the "Center Circle" theme, which reminds them that "more important than learning how to dribble, shoot, and pass—we have to learn to love one another the same way"; and

WHEREAS, the Lions propelled themselves to a 24–4 record. Playing with stifling defense, the Lions' season culminated in a dominant victory against Charlotte United Christian Academy to win the NACA National Championship on February 27, 2015; and

WHEREAS, many members of the Lighthouse Lions team had successful seasons, among them Thomas "Tripp" Davis III, Braxton Nappier, and Chase Nappier were named to the National Championship All Tournament team, and Tripp Davis III was named the National Championship Most Valuable Player; and

WHEREAS, the Lighthouse Christian School boys' basketball team includes team captains Tripp Davis III, Braxton Nappier, and Chase Nappier; teammates Stephen Donnell,

DeSean Douthard, Leon Dupree, Chase Hawkins, Darian Jones, William Kauffman, Issachar Kirk, Camerrin Ridley, Timothy “TJ” Smith Jr., Brandon Vann, and Jonathan Yancey; and team managers Caleb Abernathy and Amiel Asfaw; and

WHEREAS, this extraordinary basketball program has been shaped and forged by head coach Vic Wharton Sr. and assistant coaches Trevor Castle, Brian Livingston, DeMaro Isom, and Chacorey “Corey” Davis; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Lighthouse Christian School Lions 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 legislative body find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Lighthouse Christian Lions 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 NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate the coaches and members of the Lighthouse Christian School boys’ basketball team upon winning the NACA state and national championships 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.