

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 21

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Alcoa High School football team upon winning the 2016 TSSAA Division I Class 3A 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 sportsmen of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Alcoa High School football team have proven themselves to be the ablest of competitors and, as such, deserving of the highest regard; and

WHEREAS, one of the country's top high school football programs, the Alcoa Tornadoes have long dominated the high school football arena in Tennessee and counted among their members some of the most talented young athletes to ever play on the gridiron; and

WHEREAS, on December 2, 2016, at the Class 3A BlueCross Bowl at Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville, the Alcoa Tornadoes played an indomitable game to achieve their fifteenth state championship as they defeated the Crusaders of Liberty Tech Magnate High School, by a final score of 45-12; and

WHEREAS, hoping to seal the school's fifteenth and second consecutive state championship, Alcoa relied on composure and discipline to maintain the lead from start to finish against the Crusaders; and

WHEREAS, the Tornadoes' victory completed their season at 14-1 to improve the all-time school record to 469-195-8; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the Alcoa High School Tornadoes football team, not only for the

team's championship win, but also for the players' superior sportsmanship and the joy they have brought to their fellow students and the people of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the coaches and members of the Alcoa High School football team for their heralded victory as 2016 TSSAA Division 1 Class 3A State Champions and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.