

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 44

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Greeneville High School on winning the 2018 TSSAA Division I Class 4A State Football Championship.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors for this State; and

WHEREAS, the Greeneville High School football team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2018 season, winning the coveted Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Division I Class 4A State Football Championship; and

WHEREAS, state championships are achieved only through hard work, dedication, and the ability to work together as a team and excel with a cooperative spirit; the Greene Devils exhibited each of these rare qualities during their championship season; and

WHEREAS, achieving the rare perfect season record of 15-0 for the second consecutive season, the Devils destroyed their opponents throughout the playoffs with fire and brimstone, defeating East Hamilton 54-21, Sullivan South 49-7, Anderson County 42-21, and Maplewood 43-8 to advance to the state championship game; and

WHEREAS, facing the Tomcats of Haywood in the BlueCross Bowl on November 29, 2018, in Cookeville on the campus of Tennessee Technological University, Greeneville was led by Most Valuable Player Cade Ballard as the team completed its undefeated season with a resounding 56-21 victory; and

WHEREAS, after taking the fourth state championship in school history, the Greeneville Devils will now proudly display their 2018 golden football trophy next to those previously won in 2010, 2011, and 2017; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Greeneville High School football team also set a number of state and school records: the team's season total of 758 points ranks second in state history; kicker Cej Jones became the state's single-season record holder for extra points when he connected on his 100th of the year; and quarterback Cade Ballard's record of sixty total touchdowns for the year ranks fourth all-time in Tennessee high school history; and

WHEREAS, the football players of Greeneville High School epitomize all that is good in today's student athletes, as they have achieved the highest level of success on the field while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the field; they inspired their fellow students and united the entire community during their triumphant run through the 2018 season; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a championship football season but also surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Greene Devils of Greeneville High School for serving as exemplars of the high quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the players and coaching staff of the Greeneville High School Greene Devils football team on winning the 2018 TSSAA Division I Class 4A State Football Championship.

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