

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 71

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate the Tennessee School for the Deaf volleyball team upon winning the national championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should salute those successful high school athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors for this State; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee School for the Deaf (TSD) Vikings volleyball team was crowned the 2018 national championship team and, as such, is deserving of the highest regard; and

WHEREAS, the Vikings enjoyed a stellar season, capped off with victory at the Mason Dixon Volleyball Tournament, which featured eleven schools for the deaf from around the Southeast; TSD handily won all five tournament games, including the final against the defending champions from Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the members of this indomitable team are Tierra Smith, Madison Beard, Martinna Holloway, Leaely Andrade, Becky Escamilla, Julia Carico, Hailey Robinson, Marcreshia Phillips, Karly Bott, Wyniliana Robinson, Kaeley Day, and Ashley Carico; and

WHEREAS, the Vikings enjoyed the exceptional coaching expertise of Head Coach Jennea Fair, Assistant Coach Ashley Allis, and Volunteer Coach Sharon Brown; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the TSD Vikings volleyball team, not only for being the national champions but also for the players' superior sportsmanship and the joy they have brought to their fellow students and their community; 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 the Tennessee School for the Deaf Vikings volleyball team be honored and congratulated as the 2018 national championship team. We salute these exceptional young women for their many accomplishments, both on and off the court, and extend to them our best wishes for much 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.