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## **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 148**

By Ketron

A RESOLUTION to commend the members of the Blackman High School cheerleading squad on winning the National High School Cheerleading Championship.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school athletic teams who, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Blackman High School cheerleading squad of Murfreesboro is one such team, which recently took first place in the Small Varsity Coed Division at the National High School Cheerleading Championship; and

WHEREAS, the competition, held in Orlando, Florida, on February 11-12, 2017, was hosted by the Universal Cheerleading Association, and showcased the talents of more than 14,000 cheerleaders on 700 teams from across the country; and

WHEREAS, each team was judged on their crowd-leading abilities, stunting and tumbling skills, and overall performance; and

WHEREAS, the Blackman High School cheerleading squad, led by coaches Courtney Gregory and Heather Wortman, delivered an impressive execution of extremely difficult stunts and choreography; and

WHEREAS, renowned as a bastion of extraordinary athletic ability in the world of competitive cheerleading, the Blackman High School cheerleading squad competed against thirty-two other teams in the Small Varsity Coed Division, which consists of teams of up to twenty members with four or fewer male cheerleaders per team; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding character throughout the season, the members of the Blackman High School cheerleading squad have conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young athletes not only made possible a stellar triumph, but also surely bodes well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Blackman High School cheerleading squad 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 SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we commend the members of the Blackman High School cheerleading squad on their commitment to excellence and congratulate them on winning the National High School Cheerleading Championship.

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