

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 167

By Barnes

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Head Coach Drew Johnson and the Harpeth High School Lady Indians girls' basketball team on winning the 2009 District 11-AA 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 the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Harpeth High School Lady Indians girls' basketball team is one such exemplary team that recently won the 2009 District 11-AA championship, defeating the Cheatham County Lady Cubs by a score of 41-26; and

WHEREAS, this year marked the third consecutive year that the Lady Indians took on the Lady Cubs in the 11-AA District championship; and

WHEREAS, although the Lady Indians lost two regular season games to the Lady Cubs, their season was marked by unwavering diligence, dedication, and hard work, and the Lady Indians came out on top in the championship game for the first time in three years; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Cubs controlled the action early and were ahead 20-11 at halftime, but the Lady Indians dominated the second half, making an outstanding comeback; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Indians turned the tables in the second half; Karley Miller hit a three-pointer early on, and Haley Felker made a jump shot, bringing Harpeth's score up to sixteen points against Cheatham County's twenty; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Cubs scored a layup, bringing the score back up to 22-16, but the Lady Indians ended the third quarter on an 8-1 run that took them to a 24-23 lead; and

WHEREAS, energized by their new lead and the potential of winning the championship, the Lady Indians kicked up their game, making it nearly impossible for the Lady Cubs to make a shot; and

WHEREAS, with a three-point play by Maryanne Fenner and a jump shot by Karley Miller, the Lady Indians amassed the first seventeen points of the final quarter, holding the Lady Cubs to a 41-26 final score and winning the championship title; and

WHEREAS, Coach Johnson said the Lady Indians played like a different team in the second half, truly challenging the opposing Lady Cubs; and

WHEREAS, the defeat of the Lady Cubs was indeed a team effort, and all of the Lady Indians contributed to the success, including Karley Miller, who scored thirteen points; Emily Erland, who scored eleven points; Maryanne Fenner, who scored nine points; and Haley Felker, who scored eight points; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Indians' admirable performances throughout the season and during the district tournament have earned them numerous awards; Karley Miller was named District 11-AA MVP, and she joined Haley Felker, Maryanne Fenner, and Katy Miller in being named to the All-Tournament Team; and

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

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the coaches and members of the Harpeth High School Lady Indians girls' basketball team for their success on the court and their service as fine examples of Tennessee's youth; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we join with the administration, faculty, staff, students, and fans of Harpeth High School in applauding Head Coach Drew Johnson and the Lady Indians basketball team upon their capture of the District 11-AA championship, congratulate them on an excellent season, 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.