

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 287

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Harriman High School boys' basketball team upon winning the TSSAA Division I Class A State Championship.

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

WHEREAS, one such exemplary group of student athletes is the Harriman High School boys' basketball team, which team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2016-2017 season by capturing the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Division I Class A State Championship; and

WHEREAS, traveling to the Murphy Center at Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU), the young men of Harriman High School made their way across the bracket by defeating Mitchell High School, the three-time defending state champion, by a score of 59-54 and Columbia Academy by a score of 72-68; and

WHEREAS, their final opponents were the Clay County High School Bull Dogs. Although the Harriman Blue Devils were trailing during the last minutes of the game, through exceptional teamwork and stalwart perseverance, the team pushed ahead by the final buzzer and defeated the Bull Dogs by a score of 74-73; and

WHEREAS, the tremendous victory is the second state championship for the Harriman County boys' basketball team and the first since 1995; the team has enjoyed an overall season record of 33-6; and

WHEREAS, the members of this magnificent team are Sheldon Anderson, Hayden Bingham, Dalton Briley, Jerome Copeland, Trezdin Copeland, Josh Davis, John Johnson,

Wisdom Martin, Isiah McClain, Jaylen McCullum, Spencer Moore, Joe Pace, Jason Prater, and Chris Worthy; and

WHEREAS, Blue Devils Isiah McClain, Joe Pace, John Johnson, and Hayden Bingham were named to the All-State Tournament team; and

WHEREAS, these state champions all benefited from the vast knowledge and stellar guidance of their head coach, Shay Shannon; and

WHEREAS, the young men of the Harriman High School boys' basketball team have displayed ability, teamwork, and perseverance, and with the help of their coaches, parents, teachers, school administrators, supporters, and many fans, they have represented their school and the State of Tennessee in fine fashion, displaying peerless character both on and off the basketball court; and

WHEREAS, during this incredible championship season, the members of the Harriman Blue Devils etched their names into the annals of Tennessee sports history; their dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent not only made possible a successful and memorable basketball season but also surely point toward their success in future endeavors; 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 members and staff of the Harriman High School boys' basketball team upon winning the TSSAA Division I Class A State Championship 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.