

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 401

By Kelsey

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the members and coaches of the Briarcrest Christian School boys' basketball team upon winning the TSSAA Division II-AA state championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should salute those student athletes who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as true champions of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary group of young athletes is the Briarcrest Christian School boys' basketball team, whose members have all proven themselves to be the fiercest of competitors and truly worthy of admiration by winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Division II-AA state championship; and

WHEREAS, capturing the program's first state title since 2008, Briarcrest Christian rallied from a seven-point deficit to soundly defeat four-time defending champion Brentwood Academy by a score of 65-54 in the championship game held in Nashville at Lipscomb University's Allen Arena on March 2, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Briarcrest Christian Saints were led by tournament MVP Kennedy Chandler, who was joined on the all-tournament team by fellow Saints Omari Thomas and Marcellus Brigham; and

WHEREAS, the Saints' superb victory may not have been possible without the stellar leadership of their head coach, John Harrington, and assistant coaches, James Lawrence, Christopher Rinehart, Adam Pike, and Scott Cherry, as well as the support of athletic trainers, Emily Kautzman and Logan Marquis; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Briarcrest Christian School Saints basketball team epitomize all that is good in today's student athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while exhibiting the highest degree of character in all aspects of life; and

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

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Briarcrest Christian School Saints basketball team for their outstanding performance at the TSSAA Division II Class AA State championship title game; 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 hereby honor and commend the members and coaches of the Briarcrest Christian School boys' basketball team upon winning the TSSAA Division II-AA state championship and extend to them our best wishes for every 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.