

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 600

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the members and coaches of the Halls High School boys' wrestling team upon winning the TSSAA Division I, Class A team dual and traditional wrestling State championships.

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 Halls High School boys' wrestling 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 I, Class A team dual and traditional wrestling State championships; and

WHEREAS, finishing their historic season with a record of 32-3, the young men from Halls High School captured the program's first State wrestling championships while collecting Region 2 team dual and traditional titles as well as Sectional 1 team dual and traditional championships on their relentless march to the State wrestling tournament; and

WHEREAS, at the State championship tournament, the Halls Red Devils secured a thrilling, one-point victory to earn the crown of State champions in the team dual event before going on to capture their first ever traditional tournament State title; and

WHEREAS, leaving it all on the mat, the Red Devils collected a host of medals at the state tournament with David Cook taking sixth place in the 120 pound weight class; Jordan Sexton finishing in fourth place in the 126 pound weight class; Sam Hutchinson winning State runner-up in the 132 pound weight class; Harlen Hunley winning the State championship in the 138 pound weight class; Barrett Whaley taking fourth place in the 152 pound weight class; Briar

Whaley finishing in third place in the 160 pound weight class; Kayden "Bull" Goodman finishing in fourth place in the 220 pound weight class; and Caleb Turner taking fifth place in the 285 pound weight class; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Halls High School boys' wrestling team epitomize all that is good in today's student athletes, 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, led by the 2023 Regional Coach of the Year, the Halls High School wrestling team enjoys the services of Coach Shannon Sayne, who has guided Halls High School to thirteen District team dual, ten Regional team dual, and eleven Regional traditional tournament championships during his sixteen-year tenure; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Halls High School boys' wrestling team on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the members and coaches of the Halls High School boys' wrestling team upon winning the TSSAA Division I, Class A team dual and traditional wrestling state championships 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 and upon proper request made to

the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.