

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 722

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Hendersonville High School cheerleading team upon winning the 2021 UCA National Championship.

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

WHEREAS, the Hendersonville High School cheerleading squad is one such team, recently winning the Small Varsity Non-tumble Game Day Division in UCA National Championship competition, a first for the school and a first for any Sumner County cheerleading squad; and

WHEREAS, the Commandos team, consisting of thirteen young women and one young man, qualified for the UCA National Championship through its TSSAA State Championship and Tennessee Regional Championship in Game Day competition; and

WHEREAS, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Head Coach Harlie Fuqua and her fourteen-person squad decided to compete virtually instead of making their annual pilgrimage to Orlando, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Hendersonville team delivered its first-round video to UCA on April 7, 2021, and advanced to the final round on April 15; on April 23, team members gathered with their families and friends to watch the final results on Varsity TV; and

WHEREAS, needless to say, Coach Fuqua and her cheerleaders were ecstatic when Hendersonville High School was announced as National Champions in the Game Day Division, the largest division for both virtual and in-person competition with twenty-two teams vying for the crown; and

WHEREAS, the Hendersonville team earned gold medals, white national jackets, and a banner as Game Day National Champions after going undefeated in that category for the entire season; and

WHEREAS, the team also competed in the UCA Small Varsity Traditional Division and placed in the top five; and

WHEREAS, renowned as a bastion of extraordinary athletic ability in the world of competitive cheerleading, the Hendersonville High School cheerleading squad brought home the championship trophy despite fierce competition; and

WHEREAS, the championship varsity cheerleading squad is composed of Seniors Lily Howard, Emma Kimbrough, and Jayden Watts; Juniors Christelly Kabasu, Sydney McDaniel, and Ashley Phillips; Sophomores Brooke Haley, Olivia Kimbrough, Katelyn Ramsey, Mary Grace Rodden, and Aiden Roney; and Freshmen Breana Earls, Kinslie Lowery, and Endya Rice; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Head Coach Harlie Fuqua, the cheerleaders are expertly coached by Brittany Watson, Malik Briggs, and Mike Lovin; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding character throughout the season, the members of the Hendersonville 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 bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Hendersonville High School cheerleading squad for its outstanding performance; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Head Coach Harlie Fuqua and the members of the Hendersonville High School cheerleading team on their commitment to excellence and congratulate them on winning the 2021 UCA National Game Day Championship.

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.