

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 821

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the West High School Rebels football team, TSSAA Division I, Class 5A state champions.

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

WHEREAS, the West High School football team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2023 season, winning the coveted Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Division I, Class 5A State Football Championship to become back-to-back state champions; and

WHEREAS, the Rebels rolled over their competition on their way to the BlueCross Bowl championship game on December 1, 2023, at Finley Stadium in Chattanooga, where they faced Page High School in the title matchup for the second consecutive year; and

WHEREAS, in a hard-fought contest, the Rebels displayed the heart and courage of champions to make the game-winning defensive stop as time expired to beat Page 24-19 and claim their second consecutive state championship trophy; and

WHEREAS, state championships are achieved only through hard work, dedication, and the ability to work together as a team and excel with a cooperative spirit; the Rebels exhibited each of these rare qualities during their championship season; and

WHEREAS, the football players of West High School epitomize all that is good in today's student athletes, as they have achieved the highest level of success on the field while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the field; they inspired their fellow students and united the entire community during their triumphant run through the 2023 season; and

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

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the football players of West High School for serving as exemplars of the high quality of the youth of Tennessee; 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 honor and congratulate the players, coaching staff, team support staff, administrators, cheerleaders, and fans of the West High School Rebels football team on winning the 2023 TSSAA Division I, Class 5A State Football 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.