

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1768

By Pody

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the members and coaches of the Lebanon High School boys' basketball team upon advancing to the Final Four of the TSSAA Division I, Class 4A state tournament.

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 Lebanon High School boys' basketball team, whose members have all proven themselves to be the fiercest of competitors and truly worthy of admiration by advancing to the Final Four of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Division I, Class 4A state tournament; and

WHEREAS, capturing the program's first victory at the state tournament in twenty-one years with a thrilling 62-57 victory over Clarksville High School, the Lebanon Blue Devils compiled a tremendous record of success in 2021-2022, finishing their season with a record of 29-7; and

WHEREAS, in this record-setting season, the Lebanon Blue Devils won the district regular season championship, the district tournament championship, the region tournament championship, and the sectional championship on their march to the state tournament in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, the members of this tremendous team are Yarin Alexander, Corey Jones, Rolando Dowell, Jaylen Abston, Jarred Hall, Caden Baird, Wyatt Bowling, Austen Gore, Brice Njezic, Christian Frewin, Avery Harris, Jack Clinard, Drew East, Grayson Galentine, and Garrett Oliver; and

WHEREAS, Jarred Hall was named All-District First Team, Most Valuable Player of the District tournament and the Region tournament, and All-State at the state tournament; and

WHEREAS, Blue Devil Yarin Alexander was named regular season All-District Most Valuable Player and a member of the All-Defensive Team; he was honored as a member of the district tournament team and the region tournament team; and

WHEREAS, Blue Devil Jaylen Abston was named Second Team All-District and received All-District tournament, All-Region tournament, and All-State tournament honors; and

WHEREAS, Blue Devil Wyatt Bowling was named All-District honorable mention and to the All-District tournament team; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Devils' superb season may not have been possible without the stellar leadership of their head coach, Jim McDowell, who was named Mid-State Coach of the Year and the 9 AAAA Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Lebanon High School boys' 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 stellar 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 Lebanon High School boys' basketball team on this special occasion; 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 hereby honor and commend the members and coaches of the Lebanon High School boys' basketball team upon making the Final Four at the TSSAA Division I, Class

4A state tournament 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.