

SENATE RESOLUTION 10

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Fayette Nationals upon winning the 2014 Dixie Youth State Championship.

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

WHEREAS, one such estimable group is the Fayette Nationals youth baseball team, which achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2014 season; having won the Tennessee Dixie Youth State Championship, the team went on to represent Tennessee in the Dixie Youth World Series in Lexington, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, earlier in the season, the Fayette Nationals emerged from the district championship in Somerville undefeated, scoring forty-one runs, six of which were home runs, while allowing only eight runs; and

WHEREAS, the Nationals became State champions in Brownsville, plating forty-four runs, including eight home runs, while giving up just six runs; in winning the State championship, the Nationals proudly claimed the right to represent Tennessee in the national tournament; and

WHEREAS, the first team from Fayette County to win a State championship, the members of the Fayette Nationals represented their community in fine fashion, displaying peerless character both on and off the diamond; and

WHEREAS, Fayette County's baseball program has a history that spans more than five decades, and seven of the players on this championship team are third-generation members of the program; and

WHEREAS, the exemplary young men of the Fayette Nationals include Isaac Armour, Cullen Morris, David Work, Davis Powers, Blake Smith, Luke Ellis, Quint Stackley, Steven Whittemore, Brett Culver, Rube Scott Rhea, Ryan Parks, Joelton Nutt, and Bo Culver; and

WHEREAS, the Fayette Nationals enjoyed the outstanding leadership and baseball knowledge of team coaches Brian K. Culver, Shawn Morris, Lou Stackley, and Matthew Armour; and

WHEREAS, championships are achieved only through hard work, dedication, and the ability to work together as a team and excel with a cooperative spirit; this group of young men exhibited those characteristics during every game of their championship season; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud such an outstanding athletic team; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate the 2014 Fayette Nationals baseball team upon winning the Tennessee Dixie Youth State Championship and advancing to the Dixie Youth World Series and extend to them our best wishes for continued success in 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.