



State of Tennessee

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 238

By Representative Williams

and

Senator Bailey

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Upperman High School girls' basketball team upon winning the TSSAA Division I Class AA State Championship.

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

WHEREAS, one such exemplary group of student-athletes is the Upperman High School girls' basketball team, as these young ladies achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2016–2017 season by capturing the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Division I Class AA State Championship; and

WHEREAS, traveling to the Murphy Center at Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU), the Upperman Lady Bees made their way across the bracket by defeating Jackson South Side High School by a score of 52–43 and East Nashville Magnet School by a score of 61–44; and

WHEREAS, their final opponents were the Pearl Cohn High School Lady Firebirds. The two teams fought neck-and-neck, and the state championship was pushed into overtime. These fierce opponents again fought evenly, and the tournament's conclusion went into a second overtime; and

WHEREAS, through exceptional teamwork and perseverance, the Upperman Lady Bees defeated the Lady Firebirds by a final score of 66–62; and

WHEREAS, the tremendous victory is the first state championship for the Upperman High School girls' basketball team, which enjoyed an overall season record of 34–4; and

WHEREAS, the members of this magnificent team are Gracie Maynard, Abby Greenwood, Lexie Strickland, Kori Moss, Anna Torrence, Akira Levy, Riley Hurst, Graci Waller, Lexie Martin, Brooke Shrum, and Ashland McClellan; and

WHEREAS, Lady Bees Akira Levy, Abby Greenwood, and Gracie Maynard were named to the All-State Tournament team, and Akira Levy was chosen Most Valuable Player; and

WHEREAS, these state champions all benefited from the vast knowledge and stellar guidance of their head coach, Dana McWilliams; assistant coaches, Amanda Asberry and Tyler McWilliams; and student managers, Jayla Cobb and Abigail Johnson; and

WHEREAS, the young women of the Upperman High School girls' basketball team have displayed ability, teamwork, and perseverance, and with the help of their coaches, parents, teachers, school administrators, supporters, and many fans, they have represented their school and the State of Tennessee in fine fashion, displaying peerless character both on and off the basketball court; and

WHEREAS, during this incredible championship season, the members of the Upperman Lady Bees etched their names into the annals of Tennessee sports history; their dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent not only made possible a successful and memorable basketball season but also surely point toward their success in future endeavors; now, therefore,


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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the members and staff of the Upperman High School girls' basketball team upon winning the TSSAA Division I Class AA State Championship and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: April 10, 2017



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 13th day of April 2017



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR