



# *State of Tennessee*

## **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 276**

**By Senators Massey, Briggs, Mr. Speaker McNally**

**and**

**Representatives Lafferty, Baum, Carringer**

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Bearden High School dance team for winning its third consecutive national championship.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those exemplary dancers who have attained the pinnacle of competition, bringing great honor and acclaim to Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, one such group of estimable young dancers is the Bearden High School dance team, which earned its third consecutive national championship title in the Large Varsity Game Day division at the Universal Dance Association (UDA) National Dance Team Championship in Orlando, Florida; and

WHEREAS, this victory marks the seventh national title for the team, which holds three Game Day division national titles from the UDA National Dance Team Championship; and

WHEREAS, this exceptional team is recognized locally, regionally, and nationally as one of the top dance programs in the country, having garnered a total of sixteen Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association State Championship titles; and

WHEREAS, in addition to winning this year's Large Varsity Game Day division, the Bearden High School dance team was also a national finalist in the Large Varsity Jazz and Large Varsity Pom divisions; and

WHEREAS, the members of this elite dance team include Abigail Abrams, Kenzie Bankes, Maclain Brown, Emily Carver, Avery Duncanson, Cadance Eastman, Ruby Fisher, Mallory Haskins, Reagan Honeycutt, Julie Horn, Jordan James, Eli Keziah, Ella McLaughlin, Marian Mitchell, Lana Nelson, Brielle Pickett, Mallory Simpson, Abigail Standifer, Maddie Taylor, and Kelsi Wright; and

WHEREAS, the Bearden dance team's success and determination would not be possible were it not for the guidance of head coach Hannah Keathley and school sponsor Rebecca Nutter; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that these outstanding young people should be specially recognized for their stellar accomplishments in team collaboration and dance competition; 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 members of the Bearden High School dance team for winning their third consecutive national championship and extend to them our best wishes for 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.

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ADOPTED: March 9, 2023

  
RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023

  
BILL LEE, GOVERNOR