

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 171  
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A RESOLUTION To honor and congratulate the Panthers of Bartlett High School on winning the 2000-01 TSSAA Class AAA State Championship.

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

WHEREAS, The Bartlett High School Panthers are one such estimable team; during their outstanding 2000-01 basketball season, they earned the title of TSSAA Class AAA State Champions; and

WHEREAS, The Panthers compiled a remarkable record of 33 wins against only 5 losses; District 14-AAA season champions, the Panthers began their unrivalled postseason run by advancing through the District 14-AAA Tournament; and

WHEREAS, In the Region 7-AAA Tournament, Bartlett breezed past Haywood County, Munford, and Jackson Central Merry to advance to the Sectionals, where they defeated Raleigh

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Egypt by a convincing score of 77-54 before a capacity crowd at Thomas McFarley Gymnasium to earn a berth in the TSSAA State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, In Murfreesboro, Bartlett High's boys began play in the quarterfinals with an impressive 57-41 victory over their Memphis rival, Hamilton High School; in the Final Four, they dominated Maplewood High School in all facets of the game and disposed of their opponent by a score of 73-47; and

WHEREAS, Within one victory of a state championship, the Panthers faced off with powerful Gallatin High School, which was led by a 7'2" Mississippi State University signee, Wesley Morgan; unable to be intimidated, Bartlett maintained their unwavering focus and, when the final buzzer sounded, they had defeated Gallatin by a score of 45-41 to claim the State Championship; and

WHEREAS, This laudable basketball team attained its magnificent success through much hard work, and tremendous teamwork; that success was also precipitated by the vast talents of the individuals who comprised the squad; and

WHEREAS, Jonathon Loe, a Mr. Basketball Finalist, earned recognition as District 14-AAA Most Valuable Player, and he was joined on the All-District First Team by Troy Jenkins; Ben Frederick, Adrian Jones, Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Loe were also chosen as members of the Region 7-AA All-Tournament Team, with Mr. Loe again earning recognition as Most Valuable Player; and

WHEREAS, At the conclusion of the Panther's victorious appearance in the TSSAA Class AAA State Tournament, Mr. Loe was once again named Most Valuable Player, and Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Frederick also were named to the prestigious All-Tournament Team; and

WHEREAS, The most impressive achievement garnered by any of the Bartlett players was the one that they all earned, the title of State Champions; the young men who earned that title were: Seniors Daniel Adams, Keith Duggin, Troy Jenkins, Jonathon Loe, and Brandon

Wallace; Juniors Adrian Jones and Chris Rix; Sophomores Ben Frederick, Chase Hardin, Mark Martin, and Adam Smith; and Freshmen Chad Allen and Jaycen Herring; and

WHEREAS, These talented young men were ably guided by Coach Hubie Smith and Assistant Coaches John Harrington and Russell Dykes, who laid the groundwork for the Panthers' success by sharing their substantial knowledge and love of basketball with the team; and

WHEREAS, The coaches and players received much assistance from the team's managers, Tim Bates, Dusty Payne, Tom Stephenson, and Will Stephenson; and

WHEREAS, Principal Mike Parnell greatly contributed to the Panthers' success by providing his fullest support to the basketball program; and

WHEREAS, The basketball players at Bartlett High School epitomize all that is good in the ideal student-athlete; they have achieved notable success on the basketball court while displaying the utmost character both inside and outside of the gymnasium; and

WHEREAS, The stalwart dedication, strong work ethic, and many talents of this group of young men not only led to an outstanding season but also surely bode well for their future success; and

WHEREAS, This General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the Bartlett Panthers for their success on the court and for serving as excellent examples of the tremendous quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we congratulate the Bartlett Panthers on earning the 2000-01 TSSAA Class AAA State Championship, join with their teachers, families, and friends in celebrating their remarkable success, and wish them the best in every future endeavor, both inside and outside of the gymnasium.

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