

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 306
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A RESOLUTION To honor and congratulate the Blue Devils of Lebanon High School and Randall Hutto, District 7-AAA Coach of the Year, on their outstanding basketball season.

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 Lebanon High School Blue Devils are one such estimable team; during the 2000-01 season, they achieved tremendous success and ensured that this year's team will hold an important position in Blue Devil basketball history; and

WHEREAS, On the way to compiling a magnificent record of twenty-four wins against just eight losses, the Blue Devils finished their regular season as District 7-AAA Champions for the first time in twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, As postseason play began, Lebanon found their way to a District 7-AAA Tournament Championship; after advancing through the Region 4-AAA Tournament, this

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talented team earned a victory in Sectional play at Bradley Central High School to earn a berth in the TSSAA Class AAA State Tournament for the second consecutive year; and

WHEREAS, The Lebanon Blue Devils were one of only eight teams in Tennessee to advance to the prestigious State Tournament in the highest classification of competition; they are the first squad in their program's history to accomplish that impressive feat in consecutive seasons; and

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

WHEREAS, The Senior members of the Lebanon Blue Devils were Brent Clemmons, Reese Davis, Daniel Easterly, Malcolm Manier, Michael Thomas, and Matt Vaughn; and

WHEREAS, The Junior Blue Devils were Chris Arnold, Cedric Hall, Nathan Hoffmesiter, and Chad Lanning; and

WHEREAS, The team's Sophomore class consisted of Jon Boyce, Adam Conoster, Dustin Cook, Vern Dockings, Matt Farley, Patrick Farmer, Brice Gilliam, Jeb Hammrick, B. J. Hughes, John Painter, Fred Robinson, and Kyle Whitfield; and

WHEREAS, This team's collaborative efforts and success provided an opportunity for individual talents to shine; Reese Davis, Daniel Easterly, and Malcolm Manier were selected as members of the 7-AAA All-District Team, with Matt Vaughn earning Honorable Mention; Daniel Easterly, Malcolm Manier, and Matt Vaughn were named to the District 7-AAA All-Tournament Team, and Daniel Easterly, Malcolm Manier, and Reese Davis were honored as members of the All-Region 4-AAA Team; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Easterly was selected as a member of the All-State Second Team, and Malcolm Manier earned Honorable Mention for that team; those two outstanding players finished their prep careers as members of the 1000-Point Club, and they, along with Reese

Davis, were nominated for the famed McDonald's High School All-American Basketball Team; and

WHEREAS, These talented young men were ably guided by Randall Hutto, who appropriately was selected for the second time as District 7-AAA Coach of the Year; he and his Assistant Coaches, Troy Bond, Jason Welch, C. D. Storie, and Matt Bradshaw, laid the foundation for the Blue Devils' success by sharing their substantial knowledge and love of basketball with the young men on the team; and

WHEREAS, The coaches and players received much assistance from the team's support staff: Brandi Davenport and Brandon Saunders, Managers: Enola Jewell, Trainer and Bookkeeper; Tim Music, Videographer; and Alex Hutto, Chief Water Boy; and

WHEREAS, The Blue Devils were supported and inspired by an outstanding squad of Cheerleaders; these talented and spirited young ladies were Captain Candice Fackler, Co-Captain Aileen Tate, Lacey Renfro, Jamie Boyd, Angela Hurd, Jamie Nollner, Heather Shell, Desiree Scott, Sara Graham, Allie Schenk, Anita Underwood, and Emily Vance; and

WHEREAS, The basketball players at Lebanon High School epitomize all that is good and worthy of emulation in the 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 innate talent of this group of athletes not only ensured 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 Lebanon Blue Devils for their success on the court and for serving as excellent examples of the high quality of Tennessee's young people; 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 join the Lebanon High School administration, faculty, staff, students, and fans in congratulating the Blue Devils and District 7-AAA Coach of the Year Randall Hutto on their remarkable success during the 2000-01 season.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we wish them every future success, both on and off the court.

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