

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 744

By Harmon

A RESOLUTION to honor and applaud Head Coach Vic Grider and the South Pittsburg High School football team on capturing the TSSAA Class 1A State Championship.

WHEREAS, the 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, led by Head Coach Vic Grider, the South Pittsburg High School football team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2007 season, establishing an impressive undefeated record of fifteen wins and no losses and winning the BlueCross Bowl Class 1A State Championship Game; and

WHEREAS, the South Pittsburg High School Pirates successfully navigated the sea of playoff standouts by triumphing over the powerhouse teams of Trousdale County (32-16), Friendship Christian (49-7), Gordonsville (33-13), and Hampton (42-28) in a phenomenal drive to the state championship game in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, South Pittsburg concluded its remarkable season on December 7, 2007, by routing the talented McKenzie High School Rebels by a score of 52-20, thereby capturing the school's fourth state football championship; and

WHEREAS, this herculean effort was led by the outstanding individual performance of senior Robert Robinson, who posted 204 rushing yards and four touchdowns in the game; and

WHEREAS, the Pirates' explosive offense and stingy defense allowed the team to win its fifteen games by an average margin of thirty-six points; and

WHEREAS, the extraordinary success of the South Pittsburg High School football team came under the exceptional leadership of Head Coach Vic Grider and his estimable assistants,

Allen Pratt, Heath Grider, Jim Earl Thomas, David Hale, Glen Smiley, Shiloh Edging, and Dave Batzer; and

WHEREAS, the phenomenal players who comprise the South Pittsburg High School Pirates are seniors Corey Adams, Zach Fitzgerald, Dominique Garrett, Quinton McCamey, Arkeeme McKinney, Cody Robinson, Robert Robinson, Tony Roden, Reece Stevens, Brandon Tetter, and Rashawn Weatherspoon; juniors Trevor Barnes, Kartrez Bibbs, Torrey Chubb, Josh Dawson, David Jones, Keaton Jones, Chris Masterson, Will Maynor, Montrell Mitchell, Bubba Ramsey, Chase Robinson, Tyrone Robinson, Matthew Wayne, and Jordan Wooten; sophomores Jonathan Blevins, Shane Boles, Jijuan Fennell, Tyler Griffith, Kendall Robinson, Rameal Robinson, Terrell Robinson, and Trey Skyles; freshmen Aubrey Earvin, Raquis Hale, Jacobi Malveaux, Travis Millard, Blake Mitchell, Jakoby Reynolds, and Cody Wordlaw. Each of these players made a significant contribution to the success the team has enjoyed this season; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a successful and memorable football season, but also surely point toward success in their future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding character, the members of the South Pittsburg High School football team conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, this legislative body takes great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of those student athletes who have excelled both on the field and in the classroom, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Head Coach Vic Grider and the 2007 South Pittsburg High School football team on capturing the 2007 TSSAA Class 1A State Football Title.

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