

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 228

By Halford

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Head Coach Kevin McMillan and the Gibson County High School girls' basketball team upon winning the 2008-2009 TSSAA Class AA State Championship.

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

WHEREAS, the Gibson County High School girls' basketball team is one such estimable team that recently won the 2009 TSSAA Class AA Girls Basketball State Tournament held at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, led by Head Coach Kevin McMillan and Assistant Coach David Russell, the Gibson County High School Lady Pioneers basketball team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2008-2009 season, boasting an undefeated season of thirty five wins and no losses; and

WHEREAS, after winning at the sub-state level to advance to the State Tournament in Murfreesboro, the Lady Pioneers demolished Bolivar Central in the first round by a score of 69-43, and defeated South Greene, 66-46, in the semi-finals, winning each of their tournament games by twenty or more points and securing their place in the Class AA State Championship final; and

WHEREAS, determined to bring home the title, the Lady Pioneers prevailed over Livingston Academy decisively, 54-34, as State Tournament Most Valuable Player Heather Griffin scored twenty points and grabbed twelve rebounds to claim the team's first ever state title; and

WHEREAS, when the Lady Pioneers found their stride in the second half of the game, they came back to score the game's final seventeen points for the win; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding character throughout the season, the members of the Gibson County High School girls' basketball team conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a memorable and undefeated championship season, but also surely point toward their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee takes great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of its athletic teams that have succeeded both on the court and in the classroom; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Head Coach Kevin McMillan and the Gibson County High School girls' basketball team upon winning the 2008-2009 TSSAA Class AA Girls' Basketball State Championship and wish them success in every future endeavor.

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