

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 626

By Hensley

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Head Coach Greg Burleson and the Summertown High School baseball team upon winning the 2009 TSSAA Class A state championship.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is proud to salute the accomplishments of our great athletic teams who work hard, make the necessary sacrifices, achieve success, and provide entertainment for large numbers of fans; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding 2009 Summertown High School Eagles baseball team (36-6), which recently won the 2009 TSSAA Class A state championship, is clearly one such team; and

WHEREAS, in a hard fought, gut-wrenching state championship matchup, the Summertown Eagles defeated the Decatur County Riverside High School Panthers 3-2 in eight innings at Middle Tennessee State University's Reese Smith, Jr., Field; the victory earned Summertown High School its second state championship in baseball; and

WHEREAS, after dominating the regular season and capturing the District and Regional crowns, the Eagles through their state tournament brackets on their way to the championship game; and

WHEREAS, led by the experience of seniors Logan Hendrix, Logan Harville, Kaleb Pitts, and Clint Gobbell, the Eagles pounded out forty-two hits while outscoring their three pool-play opponents in the state tournament 44-10; and

WHEREAS, in the bottom of the eighth inning in the championship game, Summertown had two outs and the bases loaded; junior Brandon Kroeger hit a grounder past second base into right field, sending pinch-runner Jordan Chard home for the winning run; and

WHEREAS, the Eagles starting pitcher Logan Harville had led his team in a battle that left the teams tied 2-2 after seven innings; maintaining their focus and determination, the Summertown players controlled the eighth and final inning, finishing their phenomenal season with a dominating display of their baseball talent; and

WHEREAS, the victory was especially rewarding for Head Coach Greg Burleson and his brother, Assistant Coach Jason Burleson, who not only expertly molded the natural talent of the 2009 players into a championship caliber team, but also participated as players on the Eagles last state championship team in 1992; and

WHEREAS, the leadership, passion for the game, and coaching wizardry of Head Coach Greg Burleson and Assistant Coaches Jason Burleson, Paul Thompson, and Kevin Roberts are without peer; Coach Burleson's precepts of strong hitting and running, expert pitching, tenacious defense, and limiting mistakes were perfectly on display during Summertown High School's run for the championship; and

WHEREAS, the young men of the 2009 Summertown High School baseball team have displayed ability, teamwork, and perseverance. Logan Harville, Clint Gobbell, Logan Hendrix, Kaleb Pitts, K. J. Roberts, Brandon Kroeger, Jimbo Ramsey, Blake Phillips, Ben Lyons, Austin York, Thomas Huddleston, Alex Huddleston, Kegan Roberts, Blake Gray, Jordan Chard, Scot Sanderson, Dylan Belew, McKinsie Rose, and managers, Justin Hill and Travis Norwood, with the help of their coaches, parents, and supporters, have represented their community and the State of Tennessee in fine fashion, displaying peerless character both on and off the baseball diamond; and

WHEREAS, throughout this incredible season, the members of the 2009 Summertown High School baseball team etched their names onto the hearts of Tennesseans and into the annals of Tennessee sports history; their dedication, determination, work ethic, and talents not only made possible a successful and memorable baseball season, but also surely point toward their success in all future endeavors; 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 honor and congratulate Head Coach Greg Burleson and the

Summertown High School Eagles baseball team upon capturing the 2009 TSSAA Class A state championship, applaud them for their heralded success on the baseball field, and wish them much 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.