

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 707

By McDonald

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Beech High School
Buccaneers football team upon their recent
capture of the Class 5A 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 Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this state; and

WHEREAS, the Beech High School football team is one such team which, after a spectacular regular season, captured the Class 5A State Championship, the team's first state championship, with its victory over Columbia High School at the BlueCross Bowl, held at Tennessee Technological University's Tucker Stadium; and

WHEREAS, the Beech Buccaneers finished the regular season with an impressive record of eight wins to only two losses and earned a berth in the playoffs; and

WHEREAS, after defeating Clarksville High School in the first round, Northeast High in the second, Gallatin High School in the third round, and Mitchell High School in the fourth, Beech faced the Columbia High Mules in the championship game on December 4, 2009; and

WHEREAS, during the game, a hard-fought battle in which the Buccaneers prevailed 47-33, the Beech football team operated as a powerful and unstoppable unit, chewing up yards and scoring touchdown after touchdown in their march to victory; and

WHEREAS, the Buccaneer offense scored a touchdown on the play to end the first half, gaining a 28-21 lead going into the locker room; the Buccaneers, once they gained the lead, controlled the game throughout the second half and scored two fourth-quarter touchdowns to put the finishing touches on an incredible game; and

WHEREAS, the Buccaneers were led by the play of junior quarterback Jarod Neal, who was named as the game's Offensive Most Valuable Player after a stellar effort in which he completed ten of thirteen passes for 167 yards, threw a championship-game-tying record four touchdowns, and rushed for a fifth touchdown; and Max Zinchini, who was crowned as the game's Defensive Most Valuable Player after tallying five tackles and two interceptions. Mr. Zinchini, who plays both offense and defense, also caught five passes, including one touchdown pass, for a total of eighty-six yards; and

WHEREAS, the Buccaneers' offense was a juggernaut, with Ethan Walker, Jonathan Sites, and Taylor Cash catching touchdown passes, Ethan Walker gaining 100 rushing yards on seventeen carries, and Travis Haymer accumulating ninety rushing yards in his sixteen carries. In total, the Buccaneer offense finished the game with an astounding 457 yards of total offense; and

WHEREAS, defensively, the Buccaneers secondary performed with brilliance, reeling in an impressive four interceptions, and the entire defensive squad disrupted the Columbia offense throughout the game; and

WHEREAS, the Buccaneers benefitted greatly from the guidance and acumen of fifth-year head coach Anthony Crabtree and the dedication of assistant coaches Tim Bess, Cody Brummett, Jim Campbell, Patrick Duffer, Roger Elizer, Ryan Harris, Kerry Jackson, Darrell Keen, Keith Powell, and Jeff Roberts; and

WHEREAS, the team inspired the Beech High School student body and the entire Beech community throughout their amazing season; and

WHEREAS, the football players at Beech High School epitomize all that is noble in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved the highest level of success on the gridiron while pursuing academic excellence in the classroom and have exhibited the highest degree of character both on and off the field; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the Beech High School Buccaneers upon the team's capture of the Class 5A State Championship; 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 this body joins the administration, faculty, students, alumni, and community of Beech High School in congratulating the Buccaneer coaches and players on their state championship season, offering our best wishes for their continued success in all 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.