

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1160

By Kernell

A RESOLUTION to honor and applaud Head Coach Jermaine Johnson and the Melrose High School boys' basketball team on capturing the 2010 TSSAA Class 3A 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 Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, led by Head Coach Jermaine Johnson, the Melrose High School boys' basketball team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2009-2010 season, establishing a record of thirty-seven wins and four losses, winning the 2009 MLK Tournament and the 2009 Arby's Classic Tournament, claiming the 2010 TSSAA Class 3A State Championship, and finishing the season ranked ninth nationally by *PrepNation* and ranked tenth nationally by *MaxPreps*; and

WHEREAS, after a stellar regular season and dominating performances in the district and regional tournaments, the Golden Wildcats rolled into the state tournament, manhandling their opponents during the state quarterfinals and the state semifinals, and advancing into the Class 3A State Championship game held at Middle Tennessee State University's Murphy Center in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, Melrose High School completed their amazing season by soundly defeating White Station 75-70 and capturing the state championship trophy; and

WHEREAS, the leadership and passion for the game of Head Coach Jermaine Johnson; Assistant Coaches Darryl Rogers, Antonio Collier, and Nathan Irving; Director of Basketball Operations Michael Caviness; Director of Performance Enhancement Raybourne Johnson; Team Chaplain Ed Mrok; and Managers Ebony Patton and Davonte Watson are without peer;

Coach Johnson's precepts of playing tenacious defense, controlling the ball on offense, and limiting mistakes were perfectly on display during the Golden Wildcats' run to the championship; and

WHEREAS, the young men of the 2010 Melrose High School boys' basketball team have displayed ability, teamwork, and perseverance; Adonis Thomas, Kenneth Goodwin, Chris Jones, Markel Crawford, Davonte Hampton, Will Gross, Bobby Parks, Jermaine Hollimon, Wille Atwood, Telvin Wilkerson, J.T. Conrad, Darrius Moore, Nate Rucker, and Cedrick McAfee, with the help of their coaches, parents, teachers, school administrators, supporters, and many fans, represented their school and the State of Tennessee in fine fashion, displaying peerless character both on and off the basketball court; and

WHEREAS, the team is especially grateful for the invaluable support of its school administration, faculty and staff, including Chief Administrative Officer Leroy McClain and Athletic Director Robert Newman; and

WHEREAS, during this incredible championship season, the members of the Melrose High School boys' basketball team etched their names into the annals of Tennessee sports history; their dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent not only made possible a successful and memorable basketball season, but also surely point toward their success in 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 Jermaine Johnson and the Melrose High School boys' basketball team for their heralded success on the basketball court and for capturing the 2010 TSSAA Class 3A State Championship.

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