

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 159

By Pody

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Friendship Christian School football team upon winning the TSSAA Class 2A State Football Championship.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to honor and commend those victorious high school teams that, through their meritorious accomplishments, bring honor to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Friendship Christian High School football team is one such team that recently finished its season with a record of thirteen wins and one loss, capturing the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) 2A Football Championship title at Cookeville, Tennessee, on December 1, 2012; and

WHEREAS, this is the second-consecutive championship for the Friendship Christian football team, a truly impressive feat; and

WHEREAS, the team finished the regular season with a record of nine wins and one loss, earning a spot in the state football playoffs; and

WHEREAS, with a first round bye, the Friendship Christian High School football team defeated Cascade 42-6 in the second round, drubbed Marion County 49-12 in the quarterfinals, beat Boyd Buchanan 27-6 in the semifinals, and dominated Adamsville 44-7 in the championship game; and

WHEREAS, each Friendship Christian player deserves recognition for the hard work and determination he exhibited throughout the championship season. The 2012 Friendship Christian football players are: seniors Cale Mitchell, Stefan Remus, Jordan Farris, Tanner Martin, Ian Isbell, Ben Dunn, Hunter Watts, Dillon Hodges, and Gregg Norton; juniors Michael Hawks, Adam Neal, Justin Truskowski, A.J. Long, Blake Grosch, and Joshua Luck; sophomores Parker Pinnell, Steven Hollis, Austin Taylor, Cody Walker, Colton Gaines, Jeff

Cherry, Andrew Wood, Dylan White, Jacob Self, and John Hendricks; and freshmen Hayden White, Marshall Taylor, Price Cochran, Parker Hodges, Eli Hunt, Will Burruss, Gage Bentley, Noah Underwood, Cade Ramsey, Gene Carman, Logan Mehlhoff, Wil Hall, Jonathan Luck, Joshua Eatherly, Dalton Paschal, Nick Norton, Luke Shoulders, and Brad Ham; and eighth-graders Jordan McNamee, Spencer Burge, Heath Johnson, Bob Edwards, John Michael Petty, and Travis Gaither; and

WHEREAS, the team benefitted from the guidance and leadership provided by head coach John McNeal, who has been with the Friendship Christian football team for twenty-four seasons; assistant coaches Duane Lowe, Ron Welch, Josh Derr, Sean Corbitt, Shaun Caven, and Jody Atwood; athletic trainer Nathan Johnson; and student assistant Austin Raines; and

WHEREAS, Tanner Martin was named the Defensive Most Valuable Player of the championship game and Steven Hollis was named the game's Offensive Most Valuable Player; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of these individuals not only made possible a successful and memorable football season, but also surely point toward their successes in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee takes great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of those student athletes who have excelled both on the field and in the classroom, and the members of the 2012 Friendship Christian football team and their supporters are wholly deserving of the recognition of this body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we applaud and congratulate the players and coaches of the Friendship Christian High School football team upon capturing the 2012 TSSAA Class 2A State Championship and extend to them our wishes for every success in 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.