

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 565

By Hensley

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Wayne County Dixie Belles Softball Team upon winning second place in the World Series and the State Championship.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful youthful athletes who, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable group of Tennesseans is the 13-15 Dixie Belles Softball Team of Wayne County, who experienced an incredibly exciting and prosperous time in tournament play; and

WHEREAS, the team gained the prestigious title of State Champions with a win over Humphrey's County after dominating the State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, the Dixie Belles advanced to the World Series in Alexandria, Louisiana; after being defeated by Florida in the first round, they won against Georgia to advance to the finals; and

WHEREAS, despite their display of determination and athleticism, the team fell to North Carolina by a score of 11-10, thus achieving their second place finish; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated members of this successful team include Jessie Ray, Lacey Staggs, Maggi Risner, Chelsey Moser, Miranda Keeton, Mallory Cherry, Trinity James, McKenzie Rich, Brooklyn Pulley, Lakelyn Reed, Taylor Bevis, and Madison Holt; and

WHEREAS, the talents and abilities of these outstanding athletes have been nurtured, strengthened, refined, and now relished by their management team, which is headed by manager Chuck Moser and coaches Keith Cherry and Larry Keeton; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding character, both individually and collectively, the Dixie Belle players and coaches conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, this Wayne County Dixie Belles Softball Team displayed uncommon talent, determination, and perseverance in their quest for athletic excellence and championship laurels, and it is wholly fitting they should now be commended for attaining their lofty goals; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the players and coaches of the 13-15 Wayne County Dixie Belles Softball Team as State Champions and World Series runner-up. We applaud their success and extend our best wishes to each one of them for continued success in their future endeavors as athletes, scholars, and citizens.

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