

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 652

By Tracy

A RESOLUTION to honor Coach Jason Hardy and the Shelbyville Central High School Golden Eagles upon winning the District 8 AAA football championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should salute those student-athletes who have attained the pinnacle of athletic competition, thus reflecting great credit upon their teachers, their coaches, and their communities; and

WHEREAS, the members of the 2013 Shelbyville Central High School Golden Eagle football team have proven themselves to be fierce competitors and true champions and, as such, deserving of the highest regard; and

WHEREAS, at the mid-point of the 2013 season, the Golden Eagles had a mediocre 2-3 record, but often drawing upon the competitive spirit, inspiring leadership, and brilliant strategy of Coach Jason Hardy, the team turned its season around by reeling off five consecutive wins to finish 7-3 overall and 5-1 in the district, claiming the District 8 AAA championship; and

WHEREAS, through these five consecutive victories, the Golden Eagles outscored their opponents 216-31, but perhaps the most important factor during this incredible run was the vastly improved Shelbyville defense, which allowed only 813 yards while forcing ten turnovers; and

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2013, the Golden Eagles faced off against Lawrence County with a chance to win Shelbyville Central's first district football championship in seventeen years; and

WHEREAS, this historic game proved to be worth the wait, as the Golden Eagles trounced Lawrence County 41-6, piling up 371 yards of offense while surrendering only 118

yards on defense, and entered the playoffs as the top seed in their quadrant and one of the hottest teams in the state; and

WHEREAS, in the TSSAA Class 5A playoffs, Shelbyville Central conquered arch-rival Tullahoma 44-7 in the first round before falling to Gallatin in the second round; and

WHEREAS, the Shelbyville Central High School Golden Eagle football team has displayed tenacity, camaraderie, and talent while earning acclaim as one of the state's finest athletic teams; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the 2013 Shelbyville Central High School Golden Eagles, not only for the team's exemplary playoff season and district championship, but also for the players' superior sportsmanship and the joy they have brought to their fellow students and the people of Shelbyville and Bedford County; 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 honor and congratulate the members of the 2013 Shelbyville Central High School football team and Coach Jason Hardy for winning the school's first district championship in seventeen years and extend to them our best wishes for future success.

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