

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 653

By Halford

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Dyer Middle School Lady Eagles on winning the Division AA TNT Girls State Championship.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body are pleased to specially honor and commend those successful athletic teams and their coaches who, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary team is the Dyer Middle School Lady Eagles basketball team, which achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2015-2016 season and capped the year by winning the prestigious Division AA TNT Girls State Championship; and

WHEREAS, trailing after three quarters had been played in the championship game, the Lady Eagles nevertheless persevered to outscore North Middle of Altamont 15 to 6 in the fourth quarter and claim championship laurels; and

WHEREAS, Lady Eagles Emma Siler and Alaina Hunt were named to the TNT All-State Tournament team, and their teammates Kaci Sweatt, Amy Lee, and Briana Bates were Honorable Mention selections; and

WHEREAS, this tremendous team enjoyed the extraordinary leadership and passion for the game of basketball of Coach Nathan Russell; and

WHEREAS, the young women of the Dyer Middle School Lady Eagles displayed ability, teamwork, and perseverance and, 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, during this incredible championship season, the coaches and members of the Dyer Middle School Lady Eagles 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 NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Coach Nathan Russell and the members of the Dyer Middle School Lady Eagles for their astounding success on the basketball court during the 2015-2016 season, including winning the Division AA TNT Girls 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.