

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 721

By Smith

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the coaches and members of the Fulton High School Falcons basketball team upon winning the TSSAA Class AA state championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those student athletes who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as true champions of whom we all can be proud; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Fulton High School boys basketball team and Head Coach Jody Wright have proven themselves to be the fiercest of competitors and, as such, deserving of the highest regard, as they recently won the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Class AA state championship; and

WHEREAS, the Falcons' first state championship crown since 2009 and third overall, this state championship was a fitting end to a tremendous season that saw the team compile a record of 32-2; and

WHEREAS, fearless and confident, the Fulton Falcons battled their way through the state tournament, defeating Chattanooga Central in the quarterfinals before stopping a determined team from Fayette-Ware in the semi-finals to advance to the championship game; and

WHEREAS, the Falcons performed with precision on both the offensive and defensive ends of the court against powerhouse Chattanooga Brainerd, as they withstood a late rally to claim the title of state champions with a 59-50 victory and the right to hoist the famous golden ball; and

WHEREAS, the Falcons received stellar performances from State Tournament Most Valuable Player Trey Davis, who scored a team-high fourteen points in the championship game, and fellow All-Tournament teammates Donovan Filer, Kentel Williams, and Chaton Mobley; and

WHEREAS, the members of the state champion Fulton Falcons are Kentel Williams, Larry Roe, Joe Kimber, Trey Davis, Dashaun McKinney, Donovan Filer, Chaton Mobley, Markese Sheely, Josh Berry, Cumecus Cates, and Jaquez Booker; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Fulton High School Falcons basketball team epitomize all that is good in today's student athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while exhibiting the highest degree of character in all aspects of life; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a championship season, but also surely bode well for their future success; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Fulton High School Falcons basketball team for their outstanding performance, and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; 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 hereby honor and congratulate the coaches and members of the Fulton High School Falcons basketball team upon winning the TSSAA Class AA state championship and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all 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.