

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 910

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Memphis East High School boys' basketball team on winning the 2016 TSSAA Class AAA State Basketball Championship.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors for this State; and

WHEREAS, the Mustangs of Memphis East High School achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2016 season, winning their seventh Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Class AAA State Basketball Championship, the State's highest level of high school basketball competition; and

WHEREAS, state championships are achieved only through hard work, dedication, and the ability to work together as a team and excel with a cooperative spirit; the mighty Mustangs exhibited each of these rare qualities during their championship season; and

WHEREAS, amassing a 32–2 season record, the team readily bested all contenders they faced during an incredible playoff season culminating in an impressive win over Cordova High School (64–60) in the championship game at the Murphy Center in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, the basketball players of Memphis East High School epitomize all that is good in today's student athlete, as they have achieved the highest level of success on the court while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the floor; they inspired the school's student body and united the entire community during their triumphant run through the 2016 season; and

WHEREAS, the members of this championship team include Nikcolauz Merriweather, Terrance Moss, Alex Lomax, Chandler Lawson, Courtney Carter, Teddrick McGhee, Rodarrious

Washington, Eric Banks, Derrein Merriweather, Malcolm Dandridge, Robert Washington, Tekorian Smith, Kobe Freeman, Laquincy Parker, and John Wristler; and

WHEREAS, led by Head Coach Robert Jackson and Assistant Coach Anfernee “Penny” Hardaway, the Memphis East High School boys’ basketball team displayed great sportsmanship and outstanding character throughout the season; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of these exceptional athletes not only made possible a championship season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Mustangs of Memphis East High School for winning the 2016 TSSAA Class AAA State Basketball Championship and for serving as exemplars of the high 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 players, coaching staff, and fans of the Memphis East High School basketball team on a remarkable season and their seventh State Championship victory. On becoming TSSAA Class AAA State Basketball Champions, the Mustangs have proven themselves to be exemplary and capable young men who are worthy of this General Assembly’s accolades.

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