

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 521

By Haile

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Beech High School wrestling team upon winning the 2016 TSSAA Division I Class AAA 145-pound and 182-pound individual titles.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially honor and commend those successful sports teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable athletic team is the Beech High School Buccaneers wrestling team, which achieved an extraordinary level of success in the 2015-2016 season by winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Division I Class AAA 145-pound and 182-pound individual titles; and

WHEREAS, one of the most demanding sports, wrestling is also one of the oldest sporting competitions, tracing its roots to the ancient Greeks and the earliest Olympic games; and

WHEREAS, the Beech Buccaneers exhibited true grit and determination to win the school's first two wrestling titles; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 TSSAA state wrestling championships were held on Saturday, February 5-6, 2016, at the Williamson County Agriculture Expo Center. After steadily building for years, the Buccaneers tied for third in the Class AAA team standings with the help of two talented brothers, Trevor and Kaleb Rippy, who went on to compete in the finals along with Brayden Palmer on February 18-20; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to success, Trevor Rippy finished third among 132 wrestlers his freshman year. As a sophomore he maintained a perfect 53-0 record after capturing the 145-pound Class AAA individual title this season; and

WHEREAS, a four-year veteran of high school wrestling, Kaleb Rippy also became a state champion after securing the 182-pound Class AAA individual title as a senior; and

WHEREAS, the wrestlers of Beech High School epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the wrestling mat; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, fortitude, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a championship wrestling season, but also bode well for the future success of the program; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Beech High School wrestling team for their championship season and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the coaches and members of the Beech High School wrestling team upon winning the 2016 TSSAA Division I Class AAA 145-pound and 182-pound individual titles, commend them upon a successful wrestling season, and wish them every 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.