

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 151

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the coaches and members of the Wartburg Middle School Lady Bulldogs basketball team upon winning the TMSAA East Tennessee Class AA Sectional 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 Wartburg Middle School Lady Bulldogs basketball team and Head Coach Renee Davis have proven themselves to be the fiercest of competitors and, as such, deserving of the highest regard, as they recently won the Tennessee Middle School Athletic Association (TMSAA) East Tennessee Class AA Sectional Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Bulldogs' victory was a fitting end to a tremendous season that saw the team compile a record of 19-2, winning nineteen of the last twenty games, and capture both the Area 4AA regular season and tournament championships; and

WHEREAS, fearless and confident as they entered the tournament held at Pigeon Forge Elementary School, the Wartburg Middle School Lady Bulldogs battled their way through the tournament, defeating the Norris Lady Senators in the quarterfinals by a score of 42-28 before facing their toughest opponent, the Happy Valley Lady Warriors, in the semi-finals; and

WHEREAS, a tight battle from the start, the Lady Bulldogs' matchup against the Lady Warriors was a classic nail-biter as the game was only decided in the final seconds when Lady Bulldog Mikaela Smith calmly sank what proved to be the game-winning free-throws to give Wartburg a 26-24 victory; and

WHEREAS, in the championship game, the Wartburg Middle School Lady Bulldogs played tenacious and intense defense to easily tame the Lady Cougars of Northview Academy by a score of 41-30 to claim the title of state champions; and

WHEREAS, throughout the tournament the Lady Bulldogs benefited from stellar performances by Tournament Most Valuable Player Callie Johnson and fellow All-Tournament teammates Mikaela Smith, Olivia Davis, Regan Redmon, and Lindsey Hall; and

WHEREAS, enjoying the support of their families, their classmates, and the entire faculty and staff of Wartburg Middle School, the members of the Lady Bulldogs 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 women 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 Wartburg Middle School Lady Bulldogs 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 TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the coaches and members of the Wartburg Middle School Lady Bulldogs basketball team upon winning the TMSAA East Tennessee Class AA Sectional 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.