

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1062

By Keisling

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Clay County High School boys' basketball team, TSSAA Class A State Boys' Basketball Championship Elite Eight.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize and applaud those successful high school sports teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors for this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable group of athletes is the Clay County High School boys' basketball team, which made it to the Elite Eight of the 2018 Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Class A State Boys' Basketball Championship; and

WHEREAS, competing in state-level tournaments is achieved only through hard work, dedication, and the ability to work together as a team and excel with a cooperative spirit, and the Clay County Bulldogs exhibited each of these rare qualities to the finest degree; and

WHEREAS, traveling to the state tournament at the Murphy Center at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, the Bulldogs valiantly battled against the Douglass High School Red Devils in the Elite Eight matchup; and

WHEREAS, though the Bulldogs came up short of winning the State Championship, their hard work, determination, and overall athletic prowess are a credit not only to Clay County High School but to all of Tennessee sports; and

WHEREAS, their season concludes with an overall record of 21-13, and their presence in the Elite Eight marks their fourth appearance in the tournament during the past four years; and

WHEREAS, the members of this team are Sage Tiernan, Jake Ashlock, Landen Woodcock, Heath Kimes, Cale McBride, Gunnar Silk, Gavin Silk, Jacob Burnette, Ben Bailey, Bedford Emberton, Steven Webb, Mason Sharp, and Jared Marcom; and

WHEREAS, this team of exemplary athletes undoubtedly benefited from the vast knowledge and steadfast leadership of its head coach, Rob Edwards, and assistant coaches, Andrew Meadows and Matt Walker; and

WHEREAS, these young men from Clay County High School epitomize all that is good in today's student athletes, as they have achieved one of the highest levels of success and shown the highest degree of character both in and out of the athletic arena; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Bulldogs of Clay County High School for serving as examples of the high 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 honor and commend the Clay County High School boys' basketball team on reaching the Elite Eight in the TSSAA Class A State Boys' Basketball Championship, applaud the team's tremendous athletic prowess, and extend to each member our best wishes for every future success.

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