

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 407

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the MTSU Blue Raider Debate team on an exceptional debate season.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize those outstanding students who bring honor to Tennessee as members of academic teams and act as ambassadors for our State through successful academic competition; and

WHEREAS, the Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) Blue Raider Debate team is one such team which recently completed its most impressive season in its 100-year history; and

WHEREAS, under the astute guidance of their debate coach, Pat Richey, the team competed in five tournaments and numerous individual competitions and ended the season with multiple state and regional titles and the team's second national title in three years; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the team won the Southeast Debate Tournament against the best team in the region, resulting in the MTSU Blue Raider Debate team becoming the number one debate team in Tennessee since the 1980s; and

WHEREAS, MTSU's Blue Raider Debate team is comprised of fifteen to twenty active members who represent a variety of majors from political science to communications to religious studies; and

WHEREAS, the members of the MTSU Blue Raider Debate team demonstrated extraordinary intellect and poise during the season, bringing great pride to their families, their school, and the citizens of this great State; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to honor and congratulate these exemplary students on their many accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the members of the MTSU Blue Raider Debate team and their coach on their outstanding debate season and extend to them 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.