

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1042

By Weaver

A RESOLUTION to honor Sophie Linder, 2019 TSSAA Small Class Girls' Golf Individual State Champion.

WHEREAS, we are most pleased to recognize a gifted young athlete who has set Tennessee's golfing community on fire during the past two years; and

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2019, Sophie Linder of Gordonsville High School claimed the 2019 TSSAA Small Class Girls' Golf Individual State Championship at Willowbrook Golf Club in Manchester, torching her nearest competitor by five strokes; and

WHEREAS, her state title is rendered even more impressive by the fact that she won the competition as a freshman and thus has three remaining years of eligibility in which to dominate her rivals; and

WHEREAS, this championship run marked the perfect ending to a storybook season during which Sophie Linder and her teammate, Kaci Malone, won all their regular season high school matches and then captured both the district and region tournament team titles; and

WHEREAS, Sophie Linder won the individual district championship at -1 par and the individual region championship with a score of -6 par; and

WHEREAS, an outstanding amateur golfer, Sophie Linder is nationally ranked in the top ten of the Class of 2023 by *Golfweek*; and

WHEREAS, she proudly represented the East squad at the Tennessee Junior Cup held at The Grove Living as an eighth grader in 2018 and again as a freshman in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Linder demonstrated her prowess on the links by reaching the semifinals of the 2018 Tennessee Women's Amateur Championship at the Honors Course; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, she improved her performance twofold by placing second at the Tennessee Women's Amateur Championship at Black Creek Club; and

WHEREAS, after qualifying for the 2019 United States Golf Association Women's Fourball Championship, Sophie Linder and her partner advanced to the round of sixteen; and

WHEREAS, playing against the best competition in the nation in the 2019 United States Golf Association Women's Amateur Championship, she advanced to the match play rounds of sixty-four and distinguished herself as a rising star in amateur women's golf; and

WHEREAS, a humble young lady despite her many accomplishments and accolades, Ms. Linder is honored to have represented Gordonsville High School in winning its first-ever state golf championship; and

WHEREAS, Sophie Linder is one of the finest golfers and most outstanding young citizens the Volunteer State has ever produced, and she is most worthy of our approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Sophie Linder on winning the 2019 TSSAA Small Class Girls' Golf Individual State Championship and wish her much continued success in her bright future as an athlete and scholar.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.