

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Ken Colquette and the Marion County High School football team.

WHEREAS, football is a sport which teaches many important lessons that can be successfully applied to life, including the value of hard work and discipline, the necessity of overcoming obstacles and the will to achieve; and

WHEREAS, the tenacious Marion County High School football team, with tremendous fortitude and exemplary determination, has dazzled the gridiron experts with their brilliant play and added another spectacular chapter to their sterling athletic record; and

WHEREAS, in the regular season Region 3A play, this formidable squad of multi-talented athletes compiled an impressive 10-0 record; and

WHEREAS, their perfect record remained intact throughout the TSSAA playoffs as the team racked up five more wins over such heavy hitters as York Institute, Rutledge, Kingston and Knox West by a combined score of 182 to 20; and

WHEREAS, in the state championship game played at Vanderbilt University, Marion County ripped Portland by the score of 43-14 to become 1994 TSSAA state champions; and

WHEREAS, the seniors on this year's squad have compiled an unprecedented 53-3 record in their four years at Marion County while the juniors are 41-1; and

WHEREAS, every successful team has its supporting cast, those worthy of special commendation for their unremitting support to the team include athletic club members Mike Sowder, president; Bill Baker, Don Haggard, Tony Rhodes, Marshall Sartain, Joe Brown, Paul Evans, Roger Evans, Billy Muir, Don Dykes, Jim Capps, Burton Cagle, David Moore, Paul Koger, Bill George Saylor, John Saylor, James Roberts, William R. Hill, Jody Thomas, Evelyn

Moore, Judy Harris, Barbara Hill, Cindy Graham, Doris Dawson, Bet Carson, Janice Roberson, Pam Canales; Jim Turner, team doctor; Connie Petty, sports medicine person; and managers Cam Steele, Ben Canales, Josh Weeks and Matthew Peacock; and

WHEREAS, a special debt of gratitude is owed to Coach Colquette's team of capable assistant coaches, upon which he has heavily relied throughout the team's grueling practice sessions and game days; this team includes Don Stewart, Jerry Tate, Landon Pickett, Paul Underwood, Johnny Grimes, Larry Richards, Eddie Reed, Steve Lawson, Randy Munn and Eddie Hobbs. Together they have done a superb job of molding the natural talent of the team into championship caliber; and

WHEREAS, team members include Eric Westmoreland, Rayburn Prince, Gavin Thomasson, Josh Dobson, Anthony Martin, Chris Coffelt, Avery Pickett, Trip Layne, Brandon Graham, Travis Houston, Ben Harris, Wayne Westmoreland, Ryan Bradford, Terry Smith, Keith Walker, Lebron Pickett, James Patrick, Brad Holden, Rusty Parker, Michael Fulfer, Jason Gibson, Lenny Cookston, Landon Phillips, Jason Dykes, Matt Clark, Jason Teague, Roy Simpson, Eric Parker, Jason Saylor, Adam Baker, Chis Webster, Nathan Capps, Steve Dover, Kelvin Spears, Matt Howard, Kelvin Hill, Brent Pruit, Chuck Jones, Garrett Sowder, Tim Westmoreland, Clint Moore, Adam Billingsley, Jason Graham, Mitch Smith, Ben Roberts, Larry Ziegler, Brian Cooper, Nathan Mosley, Les Thomas, Chris Hopkins, Robert Holloway, Jermery Pruitt, Josh Cannon, Josh Chambers, Jamie Muir, Charles Gilliam and Jason Muir; and

WHEREAS, lending moral support and team spirit for Coach Debbie Bibble's cheerleading squad were Amber Griffith, Lisa Lofty, Becky Gott, Melissa Foshee, Kasie Crabtree, Jessica Fortner, Lauren Grimes, Mandy Tuders, Lindsey Evans and Leslie Quarles; and

WHEREAS, also deserving of special commendation are Band Direct Hans Roses and his many dedicated band members, Principal Bill Baxter, and radio broadcasters Dave Daffron, Don Moore and Jere Munn for their numerous contributions to the success the team has enjoyed this season; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause in our deliberations to recognize this exemplary team for their numerous accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Coach Ken Colquette and the Marion County High School football team on winning the District 3A TSSAA State Championship and wish them much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution, with this final resolving clause deleted, be prepared for proper presentation.

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