

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 9

By Sanderson

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Union City High School Golden Tornadoes on winning the 2014 TSSAA Division I Class A State Football Championship.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors for this State; and

WHEREAS, the Union City High School Golden Tornadoes achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2014 season, winning the coveted Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Division I Class A State Football Championship, the State's highest level of high school football competition; and

WHEREAS, state championships are achieved only through hard work, dedication, and the ability to work together as a team and excel with a cooperative spirit; the mighty Golden Tornadoes exhibited each of these rare qualities during their championship season; and

WHEREAS, amassing a perfect 14–0 season record, the team readily bested all contenders they faced during an incredible playoff season culminating in an impressive win over Coalfield High School (56–14) in the BlueCross Bowl on December 5, 2014, in Cookeville; and

WHEREAS, the football players of Union City High School epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved the highest level of success on the field while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the field; they inspired the school's student body and united the entire community during their triumphant run through the 2014 season; and

WHEREAS, the members of this championship team include Cace Cook, Garrett Walton, JoVante' Moffatt, Lazzarus Scribner, Deandrea Weatherspoon, Alex Vasquez, Alex

Reid, Tyler Bowling, Samuel Arnold, Brantley Clendenin, JaMarrious Gaston, Thomas Vincent, Taj Reid, D'Carrious Stephens, Grant Kizer, Brendon Ward, Braxton Waddell, Taeshawn Allen, Jaylen Crumble, Jeremy Bumpus, Travelle Littleton, Tariq Nolan, Ricky Henry, Derrick Rose, Nolan Faulkner, Tristan Jernigan, Tucker Kennedy, Kane Taylor, Devin Smith, Kaleb Perkins, Jamison Blackwell, Mason Parker, Zach Parker, Kimani Cawthon, DJ Kendall, Thomas Barnes, Austin Kessel, Matthew Ganeereit, Austin Allman, Austin Jernigan, Jamie Pirtle, Michael Holland, Wilton Wade, Cameron Avery, Colton Quick, David Long, Andrew Easley, Landon Scribner, and Will Shea Riley; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of their talents on the field, two outstanding players, Tristan Jernigan and Ricky Henry, were selected as 2014 Tennessee Titans Mr. Football finalists; and

WHEREAS, the team enjoyed the dedicated leadership of Head Coach Darren Bowling and assistant coaches Wes Kennedy, Wade Maddox, Mack Moore, John Graham, Coby Watts, and Justin Dubruiel; and

WHEREAS, those who shared their talents for the betterment of the Union City High School team include: managers Cortez Bell, Bradley Dillion, Joseph Leonardi, and Jay Shannon; water girls Emily Searcy, Erika Willett, Kaleighn White, and Diamond McCadney; and videographers Travis Vanhooser, John Parr, and LaMarcus Allen; and

WHEREAS, the Golden Tornadoes enjoyed the strong support of Principal and Athletic Director Wes Kennedy, Assistant Principal Jacob Cross, Director of Schools Gary Houston, and Athletic Secretary Tammy Sparks; and

WHEREAS, this championship football team also received the boisterous encouragement of cheerleaders Braylee Boucher, Taylor Bowling, Abby Bruff, Caroline Chism, Lynyah Cross, Caroline Jones, Garrow Miles, Kursten Osborne, Kelsey Parker, Avery Rogers, Morgan Rodgers, Elizabeth Shanks, McKale Speed, Malloreay Speed, Kate Terrell, Nadia Treadwell, Savannah Webb, Ivey Westbrooks, McCall Whaley, and Jasmine Youngblood, and cheerleading sponsor Kim Sherwood; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of these exceptional athletes not only made possible a championship season, but also surely bodes well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Golden Tornadoes of Union City High School for winning the 2014 TSSAA Division I Class A State Football Championship and for serving as exemplars of the high quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the players, coaching staff, and fans of the Union City High School Golden Tornadoes football team on a remarkable season and their State Championship victory. On becoming TSSAA Division I Class A State Football Champions, the Golden Tornadoes have proven themselves to be exemplary and capable young men who are worthy of this General Assembly's accolades.

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