

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 14

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Whitehaven High School on winning the 2012 TSSAA Class 6A State Football Championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those student athletes who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as true sportsmen of whom all can be proud; and

WHEREAS, the members of the 2012 Whitehaven High School football team have proven themselves to be the ablest of competitors and, as such, deserving of the highest regard; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Head Coach Rodney Saulsberry, the 2012 team propelled itself to its first-ever Class 6A state championship game in the BlueCross Bowl, playing against powerhouse Maryville High School; and

WHEREAS, after marching down the field late in the fourth quarter to tie the game, Whitehaven went on to win by one point in overtime, as they successfully executed a two-point conversion to add a state championship to the school's record; and

WHEREAS, Coach Rodney Saulsberry's leadership and passion for the game are without question, and his principles of playing tenacious defense, controlling the ball on offense, and limiting mistakes, were on display during the team's season; and

WHEREAS, the Whitehaven High School football team, in both victory and defeat, has displayed the tenacity, camaraderie, and skill befitting one of the State's finest athletic teams; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the 2012 Whitehaven High School football team, not only for the team's championship win but for

the players' superior sportsmanship and the joy they have brought to their fellow students and the people of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Head Coach Rodney Saulsberry and the 2012 Whitehaven High School football team for their heralded success as champions on the football gridiron and extend to them our best wishes for 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.