

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 211

By Powell

A RESOLUTION to honor the Valor College Prep Wildcats girls' volleyball team on winning the 2024 TSSAA Class AA state championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should salute those successful athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors for this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable group of young women is the Valor College Prep girls' volleyball team; the Wildcats recently won the 2024 TSSAA Class AA state championship, thus claiming their school's first state title in any girls' sport and the first state title in any girls' sport by a public charter school; and

WHEREAS, this is an achievement of monumental proportions and significance, and they are deserving of our highest regard; and

WHEREAS, after falling just short of winning the state championship in 2023, the Wildcats garnered their experience, maturity, and confidence as they embarked upon a revenge mission in 2024, posting 13 consecutive victories at the end of the season to claim the state title; the squad also posted 22 consecutive home victories and 25 consecutive district wins and, most impressively, posted a perfect record in the Class AA classification for the entire season; and

WHEREAS, in the Class AA state tournament, Valor College Prep dominated the competition, never trailing by a set across the four-day event; the Wildcats swept Crockett County in the opening round and then proceeded to defeat Creek Wood 3-1; and

WHEREAS, Valor College Prep next swept Dyer County to secure a berth in the championship match and then completed its title run by besting the Lady Choctaws in four sets to bring home the gold with an incredible 30-4 final record; and

WHEREAS, the Wildcats were led to the promised land by the Class AA state tournament's Most Valuable Player, sophomore middle blocker Kerrington Corbin, who finished the championship game with 18 total points, 16 kills, 1 dig, and 4 blocks; and

WHEREAS, brilliant performances were also turned in by two-time All-State selection, sophomore outside hitter, Anarela Mejias Ayala, who was voted the Nashville area's top volleyball player in a preseason poll, and All-Mid State honorees, junior libero, Marley Maestas and freshman outside hitter, Jentelle McNair; and

WHEREAS, other key contributors to the Wildcats' success include freshman, Bella Brooks; sophomores, Annie Shive, Elsa Love, Neena Valdez, Lily Quick, and Sydney Corby; junior, Sydney Garrett; and seniors, Miah Ruiz, Amy Sandoval, and Sarah Escalona; and

WHEREAS, the Wildcats were fortunate to have the leadership and expertise of Kylie Harvey, the all-time winningest coach in Valor College Prep history, who was named Coach of the Year at the state level; and

WHEREAS, the Wildcats epitomize all that is good in today's student athletes, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while exhibiting the highest degree of character in all aspects of life; and

WHEREAS, their perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent not only made possible a championship season but also surely bode well for each player's future success; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Valor College Prep Wildcats girls' volleyball team, not only for winning the state championship but also for the players' superior sportsmanship and the joy they have brought to their fellow students and fans; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the Valor College Prep Wildcats girls' volleyball team upon winning the 2024 TSSAA Class AA state championship. We salute these exceptional young women for their many accomplishments, both on and off the court, and extend to them our best wishes for much continued success.

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.