

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 254

By Keisling

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Head Coach Rob Edwards and the Clay County High School boys' basketball team.

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

WHEREAS, led by Head Coach Rob Edwards, the Clay County High School boys' basketball team is one such estimable group that enjoyed a tremendous season in 2016-2017, as they advanced to their first Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association State Tournament Championship game in school history; and

WHEREAS, as the 2017 TSSAA Division I Class A State Runner-Up, the Bulldogs firmly established themselves as the best Clay County boys' high school basketball team of all time; and

WHEREAS, on their march to Murfreesboro, the Clay County Bulldogs won their District Tournament and their Region Tournament to advance to the sectional game where they punched their ticket to the state tournament; and

WHEREAS, led by Class A Mr. Basketball and State Tournament MVP Tyreke Key, the Bulldogs beat Loretto in the quarterfinals, as Mr. Key broke the single-game scoring record with fifty-four points only to follow that up with thirty-four in the semi-finals against Grace Christian Academy; and

WHEREAS, in a grueling, hard-fought contest, the young men from Clay County High School battled in the championship game, answering shot for shot before heart-breakingly falling two points short; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Key scored forty points in the final and set a new state tournament scoring record of 128 points; he also broke the state's single-season scoring mark during the tournament and surpassed or tied several other records along the way; and

WHEREAS, although the 2016-2017 Bulldogs fell one victory shy of the championship, they have etched their remarkable achievements into the hearts and minds of their countless fans; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a successful season, but also surely point toward continued success in their future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding spirit, the Clay County Bulldogs have conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State, and the people of Tennessee take great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of these student athletes; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Head Coach Rob Edwards and the Clay County High School Bulldog basketball team on their remarkable 2016-2017 season and extend to them our best wishes for continued success in all their future endeavors.

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