

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 429

By Howell

A RESOLUTION to congratulate the Bradley Central High School girls' basketball team upon winning the TSSAA Division I, Class 4A state championship.

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

WHEREAS, one such exemplary group of young athletes is the Bradley Central High School girls' basketball team, whose members have proven themselves to be the fiercest of competitors by winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Division I, Class 4A state championship; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's all-time leader in wins among girls' basketball programs, Bradley Central High School won the TSSAA state trophy by defeating Bartlett High School 58-49 in the BlueCross state championship at Middle Tennessee State University's Murphy Center; and

WHEREAS, Bearettes freshman Kimora Fields, a six-foot forward who scored half of her game-high eighteen points in the first half, was named Most Valuable Player of the tournament as her team wrapped up a 35-1 season; and

WHEREAS, senior captains Hannah Jones and Sloan Carpenter had standout performances in the title matchup, with the former coming through with a critical block in the third quarter, ten points, and seven rebounds and the latter finishing with four steals; and

WHEREAS, Avary Brewer's third-quarter three-pointer and clutch free throws and Harmonie Ware's nine points, six rebounds, three assists, and two steals were also essential in the team's ultimate victory; and

WHEREAS, this year's state title is the seventh in Bradley Central's history, as teams previously earned championship laurels in 1962, 1970, 1973, 1975, 1976, and 2019; this is the fourth time the girls' basketball team has lost one game or less in a state championship season, with the most recent time coming in 1976 when the Bearettes went 36-0; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Bradley Central High School girls' basketball team 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, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a championship season but also surely bode well for their future success; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Bradley Central High School girls' basketball team for their outstanding performance this season; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the members and coaches of the Bradley Central High School girls' basketball team upon winning the TSSAA Division I, Class 4A state championship and extend to them our best wishes for every 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.