

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 526

By Sanderson

A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate the Dyer County High School cheerleading team upon being named the U.S. Junior Coed National Team.

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

WHEREAS, the Dyer County High School cheerleading squad is one such team, whose members will represent the United States as the U.S. Junior Coed National Team in the Junior Elite Division at the 2017 International Cheer Union World Championship to be held in Orlando, Florida; and

WHEREAS, established in 2004, the International Cheer Union, composed of 105 National Cheer Federations and three and one-half million athletes from across the world, is the recognized world governing body of cheerleading whose members are dedicated to the positive advancement of cheerleading; and

WHEREAS, the Dyer County High School cheerleading team was selected as the first junior coed team to represent the United States after finishing an impressive season with its fourth Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA) Coed National Title. In addition, they were named the 2017 UCA NHSCC Large Varsity Coed National Champions, the UCA World School Large Varsity Coed Champions, the UCA NHSCC Junior Varsity fifth place winner, and second place winner in the UCA World School Junior Varsity; and

WHEREAS, the team's extraordinary record includes being named the TSSAA Large Varsity Coed State Champions and the TSSAA Junior Varsity Coed State Champions; the TSSAA State Champions six times; the National High School Cheerleading Championship

National Champions four times; and the World School Cheerleading Championship Champions in 2015, 2016, and 2017; and

WHEREAS, the squad's championship season would not have been possible without the astute knowledge and leadership of coaches Lori Evans, Wendi Roberson, Josh McCurdy, Blake Johnson, and Susan Campbell; and

WHEREAS, the Dyer County High School cheerleading team will be represented in the 2017 International Cheer Union World Championship by Ashley Anderson, Annaleigh Armstrong, Nathan Ashley, Madison Atwell, Nik Butler, Trey Childress, Kyla Deere, Ryder Fenton, Kate Gibson, Riley Mancell, Lauren McBride, Abbie Niemeyer, Ashley Piskorski, Cole Piskorski, Hannah Rice, and Tanner Seratt; and

WHEREAS, additional members of the cheerleading team include Abby Buck, Brianna Clark, Madison Davis, Rachel Dodson, Caleigh Jo Erwin, Ema Kate Jeffries, Sydney Lee, Lindsay Maupin, Hannah Miller, Ashley Parker, Madi Ray, Hailey Sipes, Katelyn Smith, Ali Taylor, Mallory Tivey, Natalie Ward, Parker Wyatt, Sidney Wyrick, Chase Bartlett, Clint Capps, Addison Carmack, Jacob Edgin, Garrett Garner, Eriq Genesy, Jameson Hamilton, Nick Hurt, Chance Hutcheson, Alex Hyman, Tyler McGuire, Chase Patterson, Kayla Piskorski, Grant Purvis, Patrick Ramirez, Isaiah Ross, Hunter Sipes, Matthew Sonnen, Mason Swope, Hunter Taylor, Evan Via, Nathan Ward, Jacob Wells, Chipper Williams, and Trent Yuhas; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding character throughout the season, the members of the cheerleading squad, their coaches, and their devoted fans have conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Dyer County High School cheerleaders 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 athletes not only made possible a trip to the national competition but also surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Dyer County High School cheerleading squad for their outstanding performance and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; 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 hereby recognize and congratulate the Dyer County High School cheerleading team upon being named the U.S. Junior Coed National Team and extend to the team members our best wishes for every continued success as they compete in the 2017 International Cheer Union World Cheerleading Championship.

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