

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 581

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Riverdale High School Lady Warriors on winning the 2009 TSSAA Class AAA State Softball Championship.

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

WHEREAS, the Riverdale High School Lady Warriors achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2009 season, winning the TSSAA Class AAA State Softball Championship, the State's highest level of high school softball competition; and

WHEREAS, establishing a tradition of excellence, the Lady Warriors of Riverdale High School compiled a phenomenal season record of 47-7 as they laid claim to their first state championship title in only their second trip to the state tournament; and

WHEREAS, vanquishing longtime softball power Soddy Daisy, 2-1, to advance to the State Tournament, the Riverdale Lady Warriors used timely hitting, superb pitching, and amazing fielding to defeat Knoxville Central, Wilson Central, Siegel, Maryville, and Beech as they earned the right to the title of State Champions; and

WHEREAS, state championships are won only through hard work, dedication, and the ability to work together as a team and excel together with a cooperative spirit; the Lady Warriors exhibited each of these rare qualities during their 2009 championship season; and

WHEREAS, cultivating the talent of each of his players, Head Coach Jeff Breeden guided the Lady Warriors to impressive victories in the MTSCA Tournament, the Lady Warrior Southern Invitational, and the Lincoln County Border Battle as they matured into state champions; and

WHEREAS, the members of this championship team are: seniors Hannah Porter, Alice O'Brien, Maria Frebis, Breana Thomas, Ashia Terry, Jessica Ayers, Casey Clark, Kelsey Choate and Leslie Cope; juniors Kacie Walker, Amber Bailey, Megan Chesney, Morgan Lester and Tara Greer; sophomores Anne Russell, Samantha Hoadwonic, Brittany Pendergrast, Megan Kelley, Dene' Souviney, Amy Russell and Megan Quinn; and freshmen Amber Castleman, Courtney Clark, Donte' Souviney, Mary Beth Canterberry, Taylor Lee, Rachel Albritton and Katie Brown; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Head Coach Jeff Breeden's able leadership, the Riverdale Lady Warriors benefited from the hard work and instruction of Assistant Coaches Dennis Weaver and Falon Catalano; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable team and coaching staff enjoys the support and leadership of Riverdale High School Principal Tom Nolan and Athletic Director Barry Messer; and

WHEREAS, the softball players of Riverdale High School epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved the highest level of success on the field while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the field; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a championship softball season, 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 Riverdale High School Lady Warriors for winning the 2009 TSSAA Class AAA State Softball Championship and for serving as examples of the high quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Head Coach Jeff Breeden and the Riverdale High School Lady Warriors on their remarkable 2009 season and upon winning the TSSAA Class AAA State Softball Tournament Championship.

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