

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 6

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Bearden High School girls' soccer team on winning the 2022 TSSAA Division I, Class AAA State Soccer Championship.

WHEREAS, we are pleased to specially honor and commend those successful young athletes who, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Bearden High School girls' soccer team of Knoxville achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2022 season, winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Division I, Class AAA State Soccer Championship on October 29, 2022, at CHI Memorial Stadium in Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, Bearden High School won its second consecutive TSSAA Class AAA State Championship after defeating Houston High School 3-1 in the state title game, marking the second time in program history that the Lady Bulldogs have won back-to-back state titles, the first being in 2006-2007; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Bulldogs were ranked as the No. 1 team in the country in the United Soccer Coaches High School rankings, achieving a perfect overall record of 24-0 this season and posting a forty-seven-game winning streak over the last two seasons; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Bearden High School girls' championship-winning team are Peyton Huber, Sofia Eshleman, Lydia Cruze, Nyla Blue, Gabby Wilkerson, Jayla Blue, Natalie Heinig, Mary Beth Sheringham, Alyssa Ella, Brinley Murphy, Lauren Thompson, Sohayla Larson, Breana Mendoza, Lydia Cruze, Rylee Kolnick, Holly Pike, Carson Stivers, Morgan Hellman, Katie Browning, Alivia Stott, Rylie Lucas, Becca Roth, Tyler Roth, Halle Bibee, Callia Misenhiemer, Ella Parker, Claire Radcliffe, Maci Ritzman, Cami Ritzman, Lauren Huber,

Reagan Mackley, Izzie Hummel, Stella Cross, Maddi Nicaud, Landry McMurray, Emma Rainey, Isla Forsyth, Ella Eakins, Annelise Whitehead, Abi Lundberg, and Lily Bernard; and

WHEREAS, the team was expertly led to their championship victory by head coach Ryan Radcliffe and assistant coach Peyton Berry; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding character, both individually and collectively, the players and coaches of the Bearden High School girls' soccer team conducted themselves in a manner befitting the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the determination, commitment, talent, and teamwork required to reach this level of success made possible a championship soccer season, and the members of the Bearden High School girls' soccer team constitute some of the finest young people the Volunteer State has to offer; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Bearden High School girls' soccer team displayed uncommon talent, determination, and perseverance in their quest for athletic excellence and championship laurels, and it is wholly fitting that they should be commended for attaining their lofty goals; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the players and coaches of the Bearden High School girls' soccer team upon winning the 2022 TSSAA Division I, Class AAA State Soccer Championship and extend our best wishes for continued success in their future endeavors as athletes, scholars, and citizens.

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.