

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 479

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor Jenna Baines on winning the state wrestling championship in the 112-pound weight class.

WHEREAS, we take great pleasure in recognizing those dedicated student athletes who serve as the heart and soul of their schools and communities while wearing the crown of a champion; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Jenna Baines, a Greeneville High School freshman who recently won the state wrestling championship in the 112-pound weight class, accomplishing this feat in her very first year of competing in the sport and making her the third freshman in the high school's history to claim a state championship; and

WHEREAS, having previous experience in jujutsu and kick boxing, Ms. Baines wholly devoted herself to mastering the craft of wrestling, going from a rookie to grinding it out in a 9-7 win over Betsy Nations of Collierville to win the state title; and

WHEREAS, on that fateful day, Jenna Baines fell behind 4-1 in the first period of the championship match; in the second period, she was awarded a point when her opponent locked her hands, then closed the gap to 4-3 when she escaped her foe's grasp. With 26 seconds left in the period, Ms. Baines sprung her move and got a takedown for a 5-4 lead; and

WHEREAS, a lock-hands penalty on Jenna Baines tied things 5-5 going into the third period, and with 1:18 left in the match, her opponent took down Ms. Baines to move in front, 7-5; Jenna kept battling, however, and forced her rival into two more penalties, which pushed her back in front, 8-7; and

WHEREAS, with nineteen seconds left, her opponent gave away an escape point with the hope of getting two points back with a takedown, but Jenna Baines held strong to the finish; and

WHEREAS, throughout her championship season, Ms. Baines has been grateful for the leadership and scouting prowess of her coaches, Randy Shelton, Atlas Fagundes, and Sid Mason; and

WHEREAS, Jenna Baines has distinguished herself as a dominant champion of whom we can all proud, and she is worthy of our approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Jenna Baines on winning the state wrestling championship in the 112-pound weight class and wish her all the best in future competition.

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.