



State of Tennessee

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 253

By Representative Eldridge

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the 2010-11 Liberty Technology Magnet High School boys' basketball team upon winning the TSSAA Division I Class AA State Championship.

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

WHEREAS, the members of the 2010-11 Liberty Technology Magnet High School boys' basketball team have proven themselves to be the fiercest of competitors and, as such, deserving of the highest regard; and

WHEREAS, the Crusaders achieved an extraordinary level of success during this tremendous season, which was capped by their recent victory in the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Division I Class AA State Championship, in which they defeated the East Literature High School Eagles 67-57 at Middle Tennessee State University's Murphy Center in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, led by Head Coach Jarrett Jones, the Crusaders ended their season with a 33-3 record overall and an 11-1 state tournament record; and

WHEREAS, in the first half of the game, the Liberty Crusaders trailed behind the East Literature Eagles at times by as much as eleven points, but they managed to come from behind and tie the game 28-28 at the end of the half; and

WHEREAS, Liberty opened up a nine-point lead in the third quarter and increased the lead to double-digits early in the fourth quarter but, with less than six minutes left in the game, East Literature made a run and cut the lead to a mere two points; and

WHEREAS, the Crusaders upped their lead to four points just as one of their guards, Kendall Anthony, fouled out of the game with just over four minutes left, but player Jaevante Arnold quickly picked up the slack by making crucial free throws and pivotal buckets and stole the ball with one minute left, drove the length of the court and scored again, giving himself a team-high record of fifteen points in one game and edging the lead over the Eagles to 62-54; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Eagles' team scored a three-pointer with forty seconds left to cut the deficit to 63-57, but Crusaders' player Ryan Yeates then hit one of four free throws; player DeAndre Barnette converted two of two free throws, and player Taylen Douglas made good on the last free throw in the final seconds of the game to seal the 67-57 win over East Literature; and

WHEREAS, the Crusaders' Kendall Anthony was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player, and he and players DeAndre Barnette, Jaevante Arnold, and Matt Smith, were named to the All-Tournament Team; and

WHEREAS, Coach Jones's leadership and passion for the game are without question, and his principles of playing tenacious defense, controlling the ball on offense, and limiting mistakes were on display throughout the season; and

WHEREAS, the members of this talented team are: Kendall Anthony, Ryan Yeates, Kevin Day, DeAndre Barnette, Ogdra Bobo, Taylen Douglas, Jaevante Arnold, Daniel Hill, Wontez Graham, Tavarius Gause, Kenny Beard, Rashad Crisp, Trae Reams, and Matt Smith; and

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WHEREAS, the members of the Liberty boys' basketball team epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, 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 men not only made possible a championship season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Liberty boys' basketball team 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 SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Head Coach Jarrett Jones and the 2010-11 Liberty Technology Magnet High School boys' basketball team on winning the TSSAA Division I Class AA State Championship and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

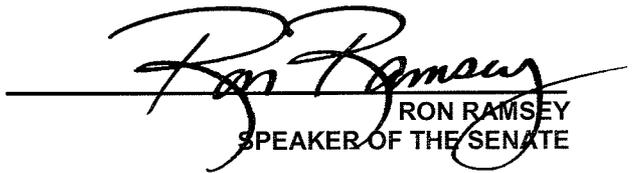
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: APRIL 25, 2011



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 2nd day of May 2011



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR