State of Tennessee

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 43

By Senators Overbey, Tracy

and

Representatives Ramsey, Swann, Hurley

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Head Coach Gary Rankin and the Alcoa High School football team on capturing the TSSAA Class 3A BlueCross Bowl State Championship.

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

WHEREAS, led by Head Coach Gary Rankin, the Alcoa High School football team is one such commendable team that achieved an undefeated season in 2010, winning an unprecedented seventh consecutive BlueCross Bowl Class 3A State Championship; and

WHEREAS, celebrated Head Coach Gary Rankin recorded his ninth state championship, having now led the Tornadoes to the state title in each of his five seasons at Alcoa High School; and

WHEREAS, opening the game with eight consecutive scoring drives, the Alcoa Tornadoes completed their phenomenal season by beating the Goodpasture Cougars by the score of 56-14, thereby capturing the team's twelfth state title overall; and

WHEREAS, possessing a winning magnetism evident to all who encounter him, Head Coach Gary Rankin was named the 2010 Tennessee Titans High School Football Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, by Coach Rankin winning this esteemed title, the Alcoa High School football program was awarded a monetary contribution from Titans team owner K.S. "Bud" Adams, Jr., through the Titans Foundation; and

WHEREAS, a legendary leader, Coach Rankin has 323 all-time wins during his high school coaching career, and two previous national coach of the year awards; and

WHEREAS, during Coach Rankin's illustrious tenure at Alcoa, the Tornadoes have compiled an incredible 71-4 record and won their forty-third consecutive game in claiming the 2010 state championship; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his impressive statistics, Coach Rankin has carried out his duties with the utmost acumen, alacrity, diligence, and character, demonstrating a remarkable ability to motivate his athletes to reach their full potential, even propelling several young gentlemen into stellar careers in the National Football League; and

WHEREAS, Coach Rankin and the Alcoa High School football team both exemplify the unquestionable character and stalwart determination that are characteristic of true Tennesseans, and the State of Tennessee takes great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of those student athletes and their leaders who have excelled both on the field and in the classroom; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate and applaud Head Coach Gary Rankin for achieving the title of 2010 Titans High School Football Coach of the Year, and the Alcoa High School football team on their extraordinary success on the gridiron and on winning their seventh consecutive TSSAA Class 3A BlueCross Bowl State Championship in 2010.

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: February 16, 2011

RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

BETH HARWELL, *SPEAKER*
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 23rd day of February 2011

BILL HASLAM, *GOVERNOR*