



## State of Tennessee

### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 448

By Senator Herron

and

Representative Holt

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Martin Middle School cheerleading squad on winning the 2011 National Junior High Championship of the Universal Cheerleaders Association.

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

WHEREAS, the Martin Middle School cheerleading program is renowned for its athletic prowess in the world of competitive cheerleading; and

WHEREAS, the Martin Middle School cheerleaders achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2011 season, capped by their victory in the Universal Cheerleaders Association's (UCA) Small Junior High Division at the 2011 UCA Nationals held on February 10-13, 2011, in Orlando, Florida; and

WHEREAS, during the nationally-televised event held at the Walt Disney World Resort, these remarkable cheerleaders awed the crowds with their strength and grace, while duly impressing the judges as they showcased their talents, which have been developed through many hours of strenuous practice; and

WHEREAS, the Martin Middle School squad's championship season would not have been possible without the astute knowledge and leadership of head coach Fran Spears and assistant coaches, Laura Leahy and Europe Hall; and

WHEREAS, the Martin Middle School cheerleading squad epitomizes all that is good in today's student athletes, 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, showcasing their passion for cheerleading again and again, Martin Middle School won the National Cheerleaders Association Large Middle School competition in 2000, 2001, 2004, and 2005, and the UCA Small Junior High Division in 2010 in addition to its current honor; and

WHEREAS, this year's Martin Middle School cheerleading squad is composed of Alexis Grady, Allie Leigh Mount, Amanda Kathryn Lund, Bella Castro, Brady Whittaker, Carlie Vowell, Emily R. Barber, Grace Godwin, Hannah Simpson, Madi Nelson, Madison Ford, Maya Scott, Annabelle Pierce, Bailey Byars Swaim, Bailey Jo Maxey, Chelsea Thweatt, Emily Erwin, Emily Fowler, Jada Long, Kaylie Martin, and Kendall Alexander; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a stellar triumph, but also surely bode well for their success in future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Martin Middle School cheerleading squad for their outstanding performances and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth in Tennessee; now, therefore,

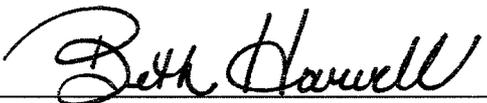
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Coach Fran Spears, Assistant Coaches Europe Hall and Laura Leahy, and the entire Martin Middle School cheerleading squad on their exceptional legacy, their individual and collective resolve, and their triumph at the Universal Cheerleaders Association's National Championships, Small Junior High Division.

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: May 20, 2011

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 2nd day of June 2011

  
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BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR