



State of Tennessee

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 512

By Senator Beavers

and

Representatives Elam, McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Friendship Christian School football team upon winning the TSSAA Class 2A State Football Championship.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to honor and commend those victorious high school teams that, through their meritorious accomplishments, bring honor to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Friendship Christian High School football team is one such team that recently finished its season with a record of twelve wins and three losses, capturing the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) 2A Football Championship title at Cookeville, Tennessee, on December 3, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the team finished the regular season with a record of seven wins and three losses, earning a spot in the State Football Playoffs; and

WHEREAS, in Round 1 of the State Playoff, the Friendship Christian High School football team defeated Jackson County 42-0; defeated Trousdale County 24-14 in Round 2; defeated Boyd Buchanan in Chattanooga in the Quarter-Final round 21-20; and defeated Oliver Springs in the Semi-Finals by a score of 39-6, earning a spot in the State Finals against Dresden High School; and

WHEREAS, in the Class 2A State Championship held at Tennessee Tech University in Cookeville, the Commanders capped their season by defeating Dresden 34-0 to win the school's first State Championship in football, as well as the first State Football Championship by a high school in Wilson County; and

WHEREAS, each Friendship Christian player deserves recognition for the hard work and determination he exhibited throughout the championship season. The 2011 Friendship Christian football players are: Seniors Dalton Patterson, Drew Hutchison, Zach Lo, Tallon Mehlhoff, Drew Erie, Zack Erhard, Aaron Johnson, Daniel Watson, Mitchell Lester, Ian Putman, Kyle Wood, Dekolas Reeves, Connor Gaines, Blake Petty, Austin DeFevers, and Hunter Anderson; Juniors Cale Mitchell, Brennan Swindoll, Stefan Remus, Jordan Farris, Tanner Martin, Ian Isbell, Ben Dunn, and Gregg Norton; Sophomores Michael Hawks, Adam Neal, Justin Truskowski, and Elijah Eatherly; Freshmen Parker Pinnell, Steven Hollis, Austin Taylor, Cody Walker, Colton Gaines, Jeff Cherry, Andrew Wood, and Bradley Bates; and Eighth Graders Mason Reeves, Cade Ramsey, Jonathan Luck, Joshua Eatherly, Nick Norton, and Luke Shoulders; and

WHEREAS, the team benefitted from the guidance and leadership provided by Head Coach John McNeal, who has been with the Friendship Christian football team for twenty-three seasons; Assistant Coaches Duane Lowe, Ron Welch, Josh Derr, Sean Corbitt, Shaun Caven, and Jody Atwood; Athletic Trainer Nathan Johnson; and Student Assistant Austin Raines; and

WHEREAS, Dalton Patterson was named the "Defensive Most Valuable Player," and Dekolas Reeves was named the "Offensive Most Valuable Player" of the State Championship game; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of these individuals not only made possible a successful and memorable football season, but also surely point toward their successes in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee takes great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of those student athletes who have excelled both on the field and in the classroom, and the members of the 2011 Friendship Christian football team and their supporters are wholly deserving of the recognition of this body; 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 applaud and congratulate the players and coaches of the Friendship Christian High School football team upon capturing the 2011 TSSAA Class 2A State Championship, and extend to them our wishes for every success in their future endeavors.

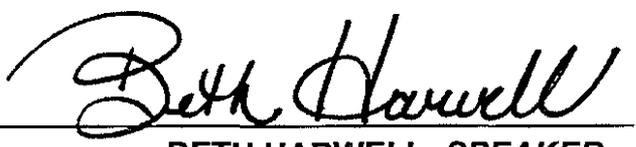
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: January 25, 2012



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 27th day of January 2012



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR