State of Tennessee

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 596

By Senators Southerland, Crowe

and

Representatives Faison, Hawk

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Coach Larry Blalock and the 2011 Greeneville High School girls cross country team for placing as the TSSAA Class A/AA State Championship runners-up.

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 sportsmen of whom all can be proud; and

WHEREAS, the members of the 2011 Greeneville High School (GHS) girls cross country team have proven themselves to be the ablest of competitors and, as such, deserving of the highest regard; and

WHEREAS, the GHS Lady Devils have counted among their members some of the most talented young athletes Tennessee has produced; and

WHEREAS, under the astute leadership of Coach Larry Blalock, the 2011 team propelled itself to the TSSAA Class A/AA State Championship for a second consecutive year after a stellar season, but lost a tough contest to the team from Chattanooga Christian School to finish as the state runners-up; and

WHEREAS, some of the championship highlights included sophomore Hannah Rhodes placing sixteenth, and senior Paige Bible finishing seventeenth; and

WHEREAS, freshman Coven Braxton finished thirty-second, junior Chelsey Carpenter finished forty-fifth, and freshman Lindsey Nelson placed sixty-sixth; and

WHEREAS, the GHS Lady Devils, in both victory and defeat, have displayed the tenacity, camaraderie and skill befitting one of the State's finest athletic teams; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the 2011 Greeneville High School girls cross country team, not only for the team's place in the championship as runners-up, but for the players' superior sportsmanship and the joy they have brought to their fellow students and the people of 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 honor and congratulate Coach Larry Blalock and the 2011 Greeneville High School girls cross country team for their heralded success in the TSSAA Class A/AA State Championship and extend to them our best wishes for future success.

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 27, 2012

RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

BETH HARWELL, *SPEAKER*
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 6th day of March 2012

BILL HASLAM, *GOVERNOR*