

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 701

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Maryville High School football team upon winning the 2019 TSSAA Class 6A 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 sportsmen of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, the members of the 2019 Maryville High School football team have proven themselves to be the ablest of competitors and, as such, deserving of the highest regard; and

WHEREAS, a nationally recognized high school football powerhouse, the Maryville Rebels have long dominated the high school football ranks in Tennessee and count among their graduates some of the most talented young athletes to have ever played on the gridiron; and

WHEREAS, on December 7, 2019, at Tucker Stadium on the campus of Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville, the Maryville High School Rebels claimed their seventeenth state championship as they defeated the Ravenwood High School Raptors by a score of 42-21 to win the TSSAA Class 6A BlueCross Bowl; and

WHEREAS, playing tenacious defense, Maryville forced three turnovers and stymied Ravenwood to establish an insurmountable 42-7 lead with just under three minutes left in the third quarter, thus putting a running clock on the Raptors; and

WHEREAS, the Maryville Rebels' unstoppable offense was led by BlueCross Bowl MVP Cade Chambers, who was 13-18 passing for 172 yards and two touchdowns while also rushing for 76 yards and two touchdowns; and

WHEREAS, the Maryville Rebels enjoy the leadership and football knowledge of Derek Hunt, who led his team to its second state championship in just his third year as head coach; and

WHEREAS, the Maryville High School football team has 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 2019 Maryville High School football team, not only for the team's championship win but also 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the coaches and members of the Maryville High School football team for their heralded victory as 2019 TSSAA Class 6A State Champions and extend to them our best wishes for every 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.