

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1086

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the 2023–2024 Bearden High School dance team for winning its fourth consecutive national championship.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those exemplary dancers who have attained the pinnacle of competition, bringing great honor and acclaim to Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, one such group of estimable young dancers is the 2023–2024 Bearden High School dance team, which earned its fourth consecutive national championship title and placed first in the Large Varsity Pom division at the Universal Dance Association (UDA) National Dance Team Championships in Orlando, Florida; and

WHEREAS, this victory marks the eighth national UDA title and the fourth Pom title since 2020 for the team; additionally, Bearden received a bronze medal in Large Varsity Division I Game Day and finished seventh in Large Varsity Jazz; and

WHEREAS, this exceptional team is recognized locally, regionally, and nationally as one of the top dance programs in the country, having garnered a total of eighteen Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association State Championship titles; and

WHEREAS, the members of this elite dance team are Abigail Abrams, Kenzie Bankes, Ansley Brown, Baylor Brown, Maclain Brown, Emily Carver, Addie Duggan, Avery Duncanson, Cadance Eastman, Piper Gould, Mallory Haskins, Jordan James, Eli Keziah, Avery Lemoncelli, Sofie Lewis, Kaelyn Martinez, Ella McLaughlin, Marian Mitchell, Lana Nelson, Brielle Pickett, Kaitlin Ramey, Whitley Sams, Mallory Simpson, Cate Smithey, Abigail Standifer, Maddie Taylor, and Kelsi Wright; and

WHEREAS, the Bearden dance team's success and determination would not be possible were it not for the guidance of head coach Hannah Keathley; school sponsor Rebecca Nutter; assistant coach Sydney Schriver; and choreographer Katie Fear Lane; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that these outstanding young people should be specially recognized for their stellar accomplishments in team collaboration and dance competition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the members of the 2023–2024 Bearden High School dance team for winning their fourth consecutive national championship title and extend to them our best wishes for continued success in all 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.