

A RESOLUTION honoring the Butler Traditional High School Bearettes girls' basketball team for winning the 2016 St. Elizabeth Healthcare/KHSAA Girls' Sweet Sixteen State Tournament.

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2016, at BB&T Arena on the campus of Northern Kentucky University, the Butler Traditional High School Bearettes beat Franklin County High School 62-36 to claim its fifth state championship; and

WHEREAS, the title was Butler High School's second title in the last three years and its fifth championship overall, tying it with Laurel County for the most in the modern era of Kentucky girls' basketball; and

WHEREAS, the Bearettes were led by guard Jaelynn Penn, who scored 21 points, tallied 11 rebounds, and dropped four assists on her way to being named the tournament's MVP. Molly Lockhart scored nine points, while Allison Just, Bre Torrens, and Teri Goodlett added seven points apiece. The win ended a painstaking run for Butler High, who had to fight through the Sixth Region gauntlet by defeating Bullitt East and Mercy Academy, both of whom were ranked in the top 20 in the state; they then held off Elizabethtown High School by two points in the quarterfinals and Murray High School in the semis of the Sweet Sixteen to advance to the championship contest. In the title game, the Bearettes used their eight-deep rotation to wear down Franklin County and end the season on a 14-game winning streak; and

WHEREAS, this honorable body congratulates the Butler Traditional High School Bearettes on this day upon winning the 2016 St. Elizabeth Healthcare/KHSAA Girls' Sweet Sixteen, commends Coach Larry Just and his staff for the support they have given this team on and off the court, and grants all those seniors who are graduating best wishes as they continue on to a new and exciting chapter of their lives;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby honor the Butler Traditional High School Bearettes upon winning the 2016 St. Elizabeth Healthcare/KHSAA Girls' Sweet Sixteen State Tournament.

➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of the Butler Traditional High School Bearettes.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Senator Gerald A. Neal for delivery.