

House Resolution No. 2314

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding group of young athletes who have enjoyed considerable success through steadfast commitment to meeting the highest standards of excellence; and

Whereas, the Clopton High School Girls Basketball Team from Clopton High School in Clarksville, Missouri, took First Place at the Missouri State High School Activities Association Class 2 State Basketball Championship held March 19, 2005, at Mizzou Arena in Columbia, Missouri; and

Whereas, the talented Clopton Lady Hawks gave their many fans good reason to cheer as they beat the Metro Lady Panthers during a hard-fought game by a score of 57-50 and finished their remarkable season with a final record of 32-0; and

Whereas, the Clopton Lady Hawks' First Place finish marks the first championship in any sport during Clopton High School's fifty-seven-year history and highlights the last three years, when they twice finished in second place in the Class 2 State Basketball Championship and over which time they had an overall record of 91-3; and

Whereas, the Clopton Lady Hawks could not have attained such phenomenal success this season without the exemplary leadership and guidance of Head Coach Ed Lindsay and Assistant Coaches Hector Bencomo and Bobby Spoonster, who have continually instilled within all their talented players the desire to realize their full potential; and

Whereas, few high school students possess the athletic skill and stamina of Lady Hawks Mikal Bencomo, Bridgette Gregory, Megan Nacke, Colleen O'Brien, Jill Omohundro, Amanda Parrish, Gabrielle Starks, Brandi Tipton, Ashley Tracy, Alicia Turner, and Alicia Wheeler; and

Whereas, special words of commendation go out to Clopton Lady Hawks Student Managers Amanda Steinhage, Collette Linton, and Ayesha Andrews; and

Whereas, fellow students, teachers, and staff at Clopton High School, parents, and the entire communities of Clarksville and Eolia are exceedingly proud of the Lady Hawks for their impressive display of teamwork and unwavering unanimity while successfully aspiring towards incredible goals:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty and robust congratulations to Clopton High School Principal Tim Reller, School Superintendent Jerry Riesinger, and to the players and coaches of the Clopton High School Girls Basketball Team at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Clopton High School.

Offered by _____
 Representative Terry L. Witte
 District No. 10

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2314, adopted April 19, 2005.

 Rod Jetton, Speaker