



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A Resolution recognizing the Donelson Christian Academy Wildcat football team as the 2021 Division II-A state football champions.

WHEREAS, the Donelson Christian Academy (DCA) Wildcat football team, in its 39th edition, had a storybook ending; and

WHEREAS, led by 15 seniors, this group came from a winless season as freshmen to winning DCA's fourth state championship. After earning a first round bye in the playoffs by winning their region, the Cats took on archrival Friendship Christian in the quarterfinals with a 47-0 win in a dominating performance; and

WHEREAS, the Wildcats were rated as underdogs as they traveled to Jackson to take on University School of Jackson. After a close first half, the Cats pulled away with an explosive offensive performance in a 42-14 win earning DCA's seventh trip to the state finals; and

WHEREAS, the state championship Blue Cross Bowl matched DCA against their regional rival, the Nashville Christian School Eagles football team. The Cats had beaten the Eagles in a defensive rain-soaked game by a score of 7-3 in the last regular season game of the year; and

WHEREAS, the Wildcats were determined to prove their first win over the #1 ranked team from Bellevue was not a fluke. DCA was well prepared and ready on a gorgeous day in Chattanooga as they soundly beat Nashville Christian 31-7, earning a fourth gold ball for the trophy case for DCA; and

WHEREAS, it was a remarkable season for the Wildcats which coincided with the DCA's 50th anniversary year. Even as the community was celebrating its football state title, the ongoing work on campus was moving forward following the devastating Nashville tornado of March 2020; and

WHEREAS, in the early stages of the recovery the Academy embraced the slogan "DCAstrong" and rallied around their faith. DCA had an incredible outpouring of support from the community in the years after the tornado, which has proven to be a remarkable time of restoration, recovery, and excitement. Preschool through fifth grade students were able to move back into their new classroom wing on the main campus in January of this year; and

WHEREAS, DCAstrong still resonates in the midst of tremendous successes happening on campus during the 2021-2022 school year, with the DCA Wildcat football team's championship season being a point of pride and celebration for students and members of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. The Metropolitan Council hereby goes on record as recognizing the Donelson Christian Academy Wildcat football team as the 2021 Division II-A state football champions.

Section 2. The Metropolitan Council Office is directed to prepare a copy of this Resolution to be presented to Head of School Dr. Keith Singer.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.