

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-26

**RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND CONGRATULATE THE DRESDEN HIGH SCHOOL LIONS
DIVISION I-CLASS 2A STATE RUNNER-UP FOOTBALL TEAM**

WHEREAS, the Dresden High School Lions recently completed a very memorable 2011 season by capturing the State Division I Class 2A State Championship runner-up trophy at the Blue Cross Bowl in Cookeville, TN; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding squad finished their season with an 12-3 won-loss record avenging one of the losses in the playoffs; and

WHEREAS, of the 15 games played, the Lions played the overwhelming majority of them, if not all, as the smaller team. They played 10 times away from the friendly confines of Rotary Field including all five playoff games including the Blue Cross Bowl with a 9-1 record in these games; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding group of young athletes were well balanced with ten seniors led by all-state selections quarterback Gatlin Hatchell, tight end Tyler McPeak and linebacker Eric VanDyke; 12 juniors led by all state tackle Josh Turnbow; 12 sophomores and nine freshmen; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Scott Hewett, who is retiring after 31 years of coaching the Lions capped off his career by leading the team to its best finish in school history being named The Jackson Sun's Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Coach Hewett was supported by arguably the best group of assistant coaches in Tennessee Class 2A football in Gary Gomes, Scott Killebrew, Tim Evans, Keith Hodge, Chad Hodge and Kenneth Irvine; and

WHEREAS, the Lions and their fans were cheered on by an outstanding group of cheerleaders led by the captains Jordan Gibbs; C J Greer, Mallory Hammonds and Taylor McAlpin; and

WHEREAS, the team had unsurpassed fan and financial support from the entire Dresden and Weakley County community and despite all the playoff games being played on the road consistently outdrew home team supporters; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this great football team, coaches and cheerleaders who are a tremendous credit to their school and community be specially commemorated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Weakley County Legislative Body meeting in regular session in Dresden, Tennessee, on this 17th day of January 2012 that the Weakley County Board of Commissioners honor and congratulates Coach Scott Hewett, his staff and the 2011 Dresden High School Lions football team on their fine season and finishing runner-up in Tennessee Division I Class 2A state championship game, the crowning achievement of an exemplary season.

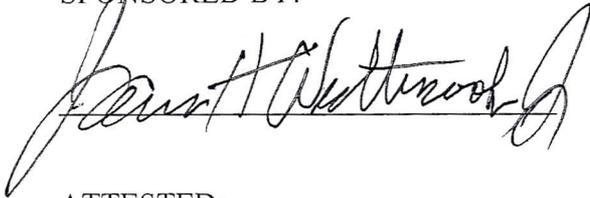
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution is presented to Dresden High School and all the players, coaches and cheerleaders who made the 2011 season so successful.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect upon passage by a majority of the members of the Board of County Commissioners of Weakley County, Tennessee.

Pursuant To The Rules Of The Commission, This Resolution Is Sponsored By The Following Members Of The Weakley County Board Of County Commissioners:

Motion made by Commissioner McAlpin that the foregoing resolution be adopted: Motion seconded by Commissioner Westbrook. Upon being put to a voice vote Motion carried unanimous.

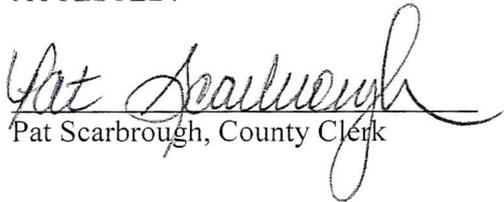
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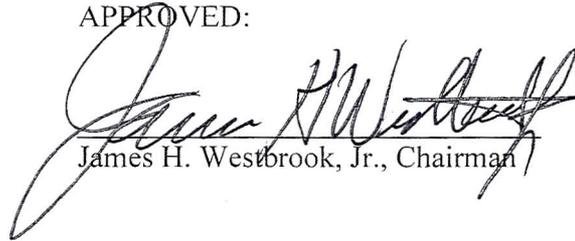


ATTESTED:



Pat Scarbrough, County Clerk

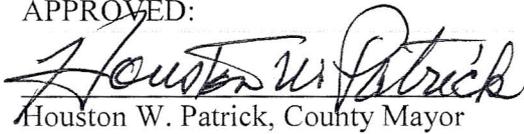
APPROVED:



James H. Westbrook, Jr., Chairman

This the 17th Day of January 2012.

APPROVED:



Houston W. Patrick, County Mayor

DATE:

