

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION

2013 SMYRNA HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM

WHEREAS, the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners should recognize those persons and organizations that consistently have a positive impact on the people and communities of Rutherford County; and

WHEREAS, the students, coaches and parent volunteers associated with the Smyrna High School Softball team are all part of one such outstanding organization, which recently won the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association, Class AAA, State Championship Game, earning Smyrna High School its first District 7-AAA Title, first Region 4-AAA Title and first ever AAA State Championship Softball Title (giving the Lady Bulldogs their first appearance in the title game since 1981); and

WHEREAS, special commendation is due to all team members, along with Head Coach Luke Sheppard and Assistant Coaches Shawn Middleton, Greg Prince, Jennifer Martinez, Head Trainer Carrie Pearson and Score Keeper Kellie Mabry for their dedication and commitment that gave Smyrna a historic season and brought excellent publicity to our community by their good sportsmanship and inspired team play; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Bulldogs defeated Dickson County 6-3 finishing the season with the most wins in school history with an exciting and impressive 40-10 season, additional team accomplishments include placing first in the Middle Tennessee Softball Coaches Association Tournament, 3rd in the Lincoln County Border Battle Tournament and 4th in the Hendersonville Commando Classic, and being ranked as high as 58 in the nation by Max Preps; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the team advancing to the State Championship, one of the top players is junior standout Mackenzie Prince (37-6) who was named Daily News Journal Pitcher of the Year and recently named Gatorade Player of the Year – one of the highest athletic awards in the country. Prince finished the tournament with just two earned runs in four games and 31 innings pitched. She had 13 strikeouts against the Lady Cougars in Smyrna High's first defeat of Dickson County to advance her team to the championship game. This

