

Recognition of the Lincoln Community High School Lady Railers

Class 3-A Basketball State Championship

Whereas, athletics and competitive sports are a vital part of the school experience and,

Whereas, while all sports are valuable, team events promote comradery, the ability to work together and an appreciation for the skill set of others, and

Whereas, basketball is one of the ultimate team sports; requiring players with a variety of talents to use them as a cohesive unit, and

Whereas, basketball necessitates a very high level of physical conditioning; often the team with the greatest endurance is the team able to prevail at the end of the grueling contest, and

Whereas, basketball being also a game of strategy, requires excellence in its coaches and school athletic department, and

Whereas, the coaches must understand the capacities of their players, the abilities of their opponents, and of great importance, gain the trust of the players and parents alike, and

Whereas, as with other sports, basketball creates an environment for community bonding, comradery amongst often total strangers and a sense of shared purpose, and

Whereas, on March 2nd, 2024, the LCHS Lady Railers basketball team took first place in the Class 3-A State Championship, and

Whereas, the Lady Railers had already completed a 38-0 record for a perfect season, and

Whereas, this victory was the first ever state basketball championship for Lincoln Community High School, of what we believe will be the start of more such seasons to follow, and

Whereas, these talented young athletes exhibited the qualities vital to this level of success; showing up to practice every day, attending to their academics, exercising time management skills to multitask their various responsibilities, listening to the wisdom of their coaches, serving as a reserve in the event of injuries or scheduling conflicts, and enthusiastically supporting their teammates, and

Whereas, while this very special day belongs to these Lady Railers, and will stay with them for the rest of their lives, its foundation lay in the support of many others who may never wear a championship medal but who deserve recognition at this time of celebration, and

Whereas, the Lady Railers coaches devoted hundreds of hours, refining the skill sets of their players, so the whole would be more than the sum of the parts, and

Whereas, the coaches who nurtured an interest in basketball for these players when they were in elementary school, and the middle school coaches who developed their skills, should be honored, not only for the glory that occurred years later on March 2nd, 2024, but also for their current efforts for what will become the Lady Railers of the future, and

Whereas, even the most talented of players benefit from an unsung support system; parents, grandparents, relatives, and even family friends to provide transportation when necessary, going out in all kinds of weather to attend games, praising the players on their victories, consoling them on their defeats and helping these young athletes to learn equally from wins and losses and to subtly sow the seeds for that approach to carry forward in all aspects of their lives, and

Whereas, the administration, faculty, staff and board of LCHS works tirelessly to create a platform for athletics and all forms of extracurricular activities to enrich the high school experience while maintaining academic excellence every day of the school year, and

Whereas, last but far from the least, are the hundreds, if not thousands, of local citizens who even without any personal connections to the players embraced them as if they are family, attended the games and cheered them on to the victory we are privileged to commemorate this evening.

Now be it therefore resolved, that the Logan County Board congratulates the Lincoln Community High School Lady Railers on winning the 2024 Class 3-A State Basketball Championship and wishes them every continued success both on and off the basketball court.

Adopted as a formal resolution by vote of the Logan County Board on March 19th, 2024.