

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 609  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate John L. Batey III, star Riverdale High School football player on being named as a Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Division I Class 5A "Mr. Football".

WHEREAS, after each football season, a careful and extensive study is made of numerous possible honorees and the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association names a select group of players to receive the prestigious title of "Mr. Football"; and

WHEREAS, the 2001 selections appropriately included John Batey III, Senior linebacker/guard for the great Riverdale High School football team, who was chosen the Division I Class 5A Lineman "Mr. Football"; and

WHEREAS, as a Sophomore, John received "Cum Laude" recognition on the National Latin II Exam, the Riverdale Academic Award, the school Football "Wild and Reckless" Award and made the Principal's List; and

WHEREAS, as a Junior, he was chosen State Qualifier for the Discus, All-County Defensive Tackle, All-Region Defensive Tackle, All-Mid-State Defensive Tackle, All-State

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Defensive Tackle, received the Riverdale Football Academic Award, and the school Football Defensive Lineman Award; and

WHEREAS, this student-athlete also was the Fellowship of Christian Athletes President, the American Legion Boys State Delegate, a Riverdale Student of the Week, and made the Principal's List; and

WHEREAS, as a Senior, John served admirably as Captain of the football team, making 130 tackles (54 solos), and three tackles for a loss, leading the Warriors to the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Division I Class 5A State Championship; and

WHEREAS, his 2001 honors include being named All-County Defensive Tackle, All-Region, All-Mid-State and Riverdale Defensive Lineman; and

WHEREAS, his exceptional career statistics include more than 300 total tackles, 13 sacks and one interception; and

WHEREAS, as a Senior, he also served as FCA President, as a member of the National Honor Society, was named the Sons of the American Revolution Superlative, was the Riverdale "Best Looking" Superlative, was the Riverdale Homecoming King, made the Principal's List and was an Andy Humble Prep Super Seven choice; and

WHEREAS, John served God faithfully as an active member of the Blackman United Methodist Church including two years as the Youth Group President; and,

WHEREAS, he is the son of proud parents, John and Melissa Batey; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize one of Tennessee's best and brightest; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate John L. Batey III on his selection as Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Division I Class 5A Lineman "Mr. Football" and wish him well in what we are confident is a bright future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.