

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 104

By Black

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Courtney Coffey on winning his first State title at the TSSAA State Wrestling Tournament in February of 2005.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those gifted student-athletes, who, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of our state; and

WHEREAS, Courtney Coffey of John Paul II High School (JP II) is one such noteworthy athlete who recently attained an unparalleled measure of athletic success when he captured the TSSAA State Wrestling Tournament's 215-pound title on February 19, 2005; and

WHEREAS, with roots tracing back to the ancient Greeks and the early Olympics, wrestling is a most demanding sport, and Courtney Coffey has proved himself to be a remarkable wrestler and a valuable team player who defeated his opponent 13-6 in the finals to help lead the JP II Knights to their first State title; and

WHEREAS, this tremendous champion drew strength from the support of his teammates, and he received vital encouragement from his Coach, Jason Cook; and

WHEREAS, Coach Cook said of Courtney Coffey, "He has the composure now and the maturity to go out on the State and do something like this"; and

WHEREAS, a diligent young man has put forth the hard work and effort needed to become a champion, Courtney Coffey believes and has been quoted as saying that, "Experience is good, but you have to have heart"; and

WHEREAS, Courtney Coffey epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are vital in achieving success and that are also characteristic of a true Tennessean; the talent and determination exhibited by this young man surely bodes well for his future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Courtney Coffey's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Courtney Coffey on winning his first State title at the TSSAA State Wrestling Tournament in the 215-pound category and join with his family, friends, and teachers in celebrating his achievements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend to him our best wishes for much happiness and every future success.

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