

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 973

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Randy Barnes upon his induction into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those citizens who, through unwavering dedication and unflagging commitment to excellence, have distinguished themselves as leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Mr. Randy Barnes, who devoted thirty years to the education and instruction of high school students and athletes before he retired in 2002; on March 15, 2008, Mr. Barnes will be inducted into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Hall of Fame, a most befitting recognition of his outstanding service to Tennessee high school athletics; and

WHEREAS, a native of Ripley, Randy Barnes graduated from Ripley High School in 1969 earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education from the University of Tennessee at Martin in 1973, and earned a Master of Science in Education Administration and Supervision from the University of Tennessee at Martin in 1980; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barnes first taught at Houston County High School from 1973 to 1975, at which time he was coach of the football, boys' basketball, and baseball teams; and

WHEREAS, from 1975 to 2002, Randy Barnes served as the football, baseball, and track and field coach for Union City High School; his many accomplishments at the school include amassing a total football record of 191 wins against 58 losses, an impressive .767 winning percentage; achieving three undefeated regular season records; leading twelve football playoff teams and six bowl teams; winning eight football region championships; competing in four Class AA football state tournaments and two state championship games; and coaching two baseball teams to third place state finishes; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barnes further distinguished himself as the Athletic Director of Union City High School, a post he fulfilled from 1999 to 2002; and

WHEREAS, an integral part of his professional community, Randy Barnes has served on the board of directors and as President of the Tennessee Athletic Coaches Association, as a member of the TSSAA Calendar Planning Committee, and as a presenter at the TSSAA Athletic Directors Conference; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Mr. Barnes uniformly has performed his duties with great integrity, acumen, and alacrity and has won numerous accolades, including twelve region and district Coach of the Year Awards, the 1994 TSSAA Distinguished Service Award, and induction into both the Union City High School Athletic Hall of Fame and the University of Tennessee at Martin Athletic Hall of Fame; he has also been honored twice with the Assistant Coach position for the Tennessee/Kentucky All-Star game; and

WHEREAS, Randy Barnes continues to ply his football expertise as Director of Football Operations at the University of Tennessee at Martin; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mr. Barnes is perhaps most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Sharon, and his children, David and Anna Laura; and

WHEREAS, for his many accomplishments both on and off the field, his impeccable moral standards, and impressive work ethic, Mr. Randy Barnes has been selected for induction into the TSSAA Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Randy Barnes is a man of true character and commitment, and he exemplifies the type of selfless community servant and civic leader whom fellow Tennesseans admire for their tireless efforts in molding the State's youth and guiding them with solid principles and high standards, whether on the athletic field or in the classroom; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join the family, friends, and colleagues of Mr. Randy Barnes in congratulating him upon his induction into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame, honor and commend him for his substantial legacy as a teacher,

coach, and administrator, and offer our gratitude for the profound dedication which he has shown our State.

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