

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 145

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Ryan Garner on winning the Pepsi® Punt, Pass, and Kick National Championship.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful young athletes who, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Garner of Dyer, Tennessee, is one such estimable young man who evinces great sportsmanship and athletic excellence in all his endeavors; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2007, at the legendary Louisiana Superdome, Ryan Garner earned the praise and approbation of his fellow Tennesseans, and indeed all Americans who love sports, when he captured the National Championship in the 11 & 12 Year Old Division of the Pepsi® Punt, Pass, and Kick competition, becoming the first Tennessean to win this illustrious competition; and

WHEREAS, prior to winning the Pepsi® Punt, Pass, and Kick National Championship as the fourth overall seed among sixth graders, Ryan qualified for this prestigious competition by winning the Tennessee Titans' Team Punt, Pass, and Kick competition in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Brad and Page Garner are justifiably proud of their son and his legion of accomplishments, both on and off the gridiron; and

WHEREAS, displaying outstanding character and spirit throughout the competition, Ryan Garner conducted himself in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this singular young man not only made possible his victory in the Pepsi® Punt, Pass, and Kick National Championship, but also surely point toward success in his future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee takes great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of its athletes who have succeeded both on the field of competition and in everyday life; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Ryan Garner on winning the National Championship in the 11 & 12 Year Old Division of the Pepsi® Punt, Pass, and Kick competition and wish him all the best in what is sure to be 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.