

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 188

By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Jackie Davis Kelley for his many accomplishments and his many contributions to the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those coaches who have performed their duties with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm and who, through their accomplishments, have brought honor to this State; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Davis Kelley is one such individual who served with acumen and alacrity as the head football coach at Westmoreland High School for seventeen years; and

WHEREAS, a native of Lancaster, Jackie Davis Kelley was born on March 5, 1957; and

WHEREAS, he was the Gordonsville High School quarterback under Coach Turney Ford and he graduated in 1975; and

WHEREAS, Coach Kelley went on to attend Tennessee Tech, graduating in 1982 with a Masters of Education degree; in 1983, he was joined in holy matrimony with Joyce West of Smithville; and

WHEREAS, this blessed union produced two children, Morgan and Sarah Kelley, both of whom attended Belmont University in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, during his seventeen years as head coach, Jackie Davis Kelley led the Westmoreland Eagles to Region of Championships in 1993, 1994, 1995, and 2006; in 2002, he was elected as a coach for the Tennessee Athletic Coaches Association All-Star Game and, in 2006, he was selected as the All-Region Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his dedicated service as the head coach at Westmoreland, Coach Kelley has also committed his time as a longstanding member of the First United Methodist Church of Gallatin, the Tennessee Director of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes of

Westmoreland High School, the coach of the Kiwanis East/West All-Star game, and a lifelong mentor to countless young men over the years; and

WHEREAS, Coach Kelley retired with an impressive record of 120 wins to 73 losses; he was recently recognized by the *Westmoreland Observer* for his many accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is proud to recognize this esteemed Tennessean and honor him for his many successes and his extensive impact on the lives of young people of this State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize Jackie Davis Kelley for his many contributions to the people of Tennessee, extend to him our gratitude for his devoted service, and honor him as a role model worthy of respect and admiration.

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