

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 770

By Sanderson

A RESOLUTION to honor Jon Robinson on being named the General Manager for the Tennessee Titans.

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

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Jon Robinson, who has recently been named the new general manager for the Tennessee Titans after an illustrious scouting management career in the National Football League; and

WHEREAS, a native of Union City, Mr. Robinson attended Union City High School and was a member of the Union City Golden Tornadoes football team. After high school he played football at the United States Air Force Academy for one season, before transferring to Southeast Missouri State University, where he played three seasons as a defensive lineman; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Southeast Missouri State University in 1998, Mr. Robinson began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at his alma mater for one season. He later joined Nicholls State University where he served as a graduate assistant for two seasons before being promoted to linebackers coach; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson departed from college football to serve the New England Patriots as an area scout and a regional scout for six years before being promoted to director of college scouting in 2009. As a scout he was instrumental in the team's decade-long streak of unmatched success, drafting a host of star players, including Julian Edelman, Rob Gronkowski, Devin McCourty, Nate Solder, Chandler Jones, and many others. During his twelve-season

tenure, the Patriots won ten American Football Conference East division titles, four American Football Conference championships, and two Super Bowls; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson left the Patriots in 2013 to take his talents to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and serve as the team's director of player personnel; he oversaw all areas of the scouting department, both college and pro, in addition to free agency preparation, evaluating players in the National Football League and other professional leagues, and assisted with college scouting and preparation for the National Football League Draft; and

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2016, Mr. Robinson was named the general manager of the Tennessee Titans by the team's controlling owner and Co-Chairman of the Board of Directors, Amy Adams Strunk, and the executive staff; it is the fulfillment of a dream to represent his home state in the National Football League; and

WHEREAS, throughout his outstanding career, Jon Robinson has demonstrated a proven track record for scouting talent, leadership, and the ability to build relationships amongst players, coaches, team administrators, and executives; he exemplifies the unquestioned character and stalwart determination that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate and welcome back Jon Robinson, recognizing his remarkable career in professional football and recent appointment as the new general manager for the Tennessee Titans. We wish him every future success in the National Football League and in life.

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