

HOUSE RESOLUTION 186

By Zachary

A RESOLUTION to honor Jim Braden for fifty-two years as a volunteer baseball coach.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should specially recognize those coaches who have performed their duties with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm and, through their magnificent exploits, have brought honor and inspiration to their profession; and

WHEREAS, Jim Braden is one such noteworthy individual, who will be honored by the Farragut High School Dugout Club on April 30, 2016, for fifty-two years as a volunteer baseball coach; and

WHEREAS, an energetic and dedicated leader, Coach Braden's recognition is a testament to the student athletes who have benefited from his tutelage; and

WHEREAS, a native of Ripley, West Virginia, Coach Braden began coaching baseball fifty-two years ago when he coached a Little League team in Ripley; and

WHEREAS, after serving four years in the Vietnam War, he moved to Farragut in 1980, and has served the community as a volunteer baseball coach for thirty-six years; and

WHEREAS, he was instrumental in organizing and implementing the Knox County Middle Schools baseball league; created the Dugout Club's web page and serves as its webmaster; and served as head coach of the Farragut Middle School team. Numerous players who trained under him have gone on to play at all levels of college baseball and on both Minor League and Major League Baseball teams; and

WHEREAS, to honor Coach Braden for five decades of dedicated coaching, the Farragut High School Dugout Club will present the Coach Jim Braden Mr. Baseball Award to one worthy player at its annual awards banquet; and

WHEREAS, Coach Jim Braden is married to the love of his life, Catherine, and they are the proud parents of two children, Mark and Laura. Coach Braden is also a loving grandfather and is looking forward to passing along his love of baseball and softball to his grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Coach Jim Braden has dedicated his life to training young athletes, and he is an exemplary individual who is a credit to his profession, his community, and this State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor Coach Jim Braden for fifty-two years of service as a volunteer baseball coach, commend his many contributions to his community, and extend to him our best wishes for 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.