

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 80

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Clarkrange High School JROTC upon placing second overall in the All-Service National Raider Challenge Championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those student athletes who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as true champions of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Clarkrange High School JROTC Raiders and Coach First Sergeant Gil Sandoval have proven themselves to be the fiercest of competitors and, as such, deserving of the highest regard, as they recently placed second overall in the Male Division at the 2016 All-Service National Raider Challenge Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Raiders traveled to Molena, Georgia, on November 4, 2016, to compete in a variety of physically demanding endurance trials; and

WHEREAS, in team events, the Raiders placed second in One Rope Bridge Construction, in which competition the young men had to build, cross, and deconstruct a 102-foot rope bridge, all of which was completed in two minutes and five seconds; and

WHEREAS, in the Gauntlet, the young men of Clarkrange placed second, having made a grueling, one-mile run through a suspended tire, over an eight-foot wall, and through two thirty-foot culverts carrying multiple thirty-five pound packs in eight minutes and fifty seconds; and

WHEREAS, with a time of four minutes and sixteen seconds, Clarkrange came in fourth place in the Physical Team Test, which is a half-mile run that includes high crawls, carrying fifty-pound ammo cans, five-gallon water cans, and a canoe with 250 pounds of sandbags, all while running across tires, over vaults, and through a maze; and

WHEREAS, the JROTC team placed sixth in the mountainous 5K Run, completing the course in twenty-four minutes; and

WHEREAS, combining all their times and scores, the Clarkrange High School JROTC Raiders placed second overall in the Male Division of the 2016 All-Service National Raider Challenge Championship, conquering a host of fierce and competitive rivals; and

WHEREAS, the Clarkrange JROTC Raiders epitomize all that is good in today's student athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while exhibiting the highest degree of character in all aspects of life; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a national championship showing, but also surely bode well for their future success; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Clarkrange High School JROTC Raiders for their outstanding performance and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the coach and members of the Clarkrange High School JROTC Raiders upon placing second in the All-Service National Raider Challenge Championship and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

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