

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 902

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Taylor Mott on being named the 2017 OVC Volleyball Coach of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those superior athletes and coaches who have been honored for their outstanding abilities in the athletic arena; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary individual is Taylor Mott, who was recently selected as the 2017 Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) Volleyball Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Coach Mott has been the head coach of the Austin Peay State University women's volleyball team for the past six seasons and has a total of fifteen years of head coaching experience; and

WHEREAS, Taylor Mott earned the distinction after leading her team to a 14-2 league mark and a 27-5 overall record en route to the team's third regular season title and first since 1992; and

WHEREAS, the Governors rank fourth in the nation with 1,631 kills and 1,538 assists; Austin Peay also ranks 12th in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) with a league-leading 179 service aces; and

WHEREAS, this is the first OVC honor for Coach Mott, and she becomes only the second Austin Peay coach to win the honor, joining the annals of Austin Peay history with Cheryl Holt; and

WHEREAS, prior to coaching the Austin Peay Governors, Taylor Mott led the volleyball teams at Flagler College, Victory Christian School, and Oxford High School; she also coached the softball team while at Oxford High School; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Coach Mott was named the 2001, 2003, and 2004 Florida Sun Conference Coach of the Year during her time at Flagler College. She was also named the 2009 and 2010 Peach Belt Conference Coach of the Year and the 2011 Peach Belt Conference Co-Coach of the Year also while coaching at Flagler College; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Taylor Mott is most grateful for the love and support she shares with her husband, Brian. Together they have a daughter, Dylan, and a son, Merrick; and

WHEREAS, the Austin Peay volleyball team undoubtedly benefited from the vast knowledge and steadfast leadership of Coach Taylor Mott, and it is without question that this group of exemplary women will continue to grow both as a sports team and as college scholars; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it most appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Coach Mott for her outstanding career as the head coach of the Austin Peay Governors volleyball team; 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 honor and commend Taylor Mott on being named the 2017 OVC Volleyball Coach of the Year, salute her excellent leadership and abilities, and extend to her 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.