

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 333

By Powers

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Ron Murray for his many contributions to Campbell County.

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

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Ron Murray of LaFollette, a man whose name is synonymous with Campbell County athletics; and

WHEREAS, born in Harlan, Kentucky, in 1930, Mr. Murray and his family moved to LaFollette when he was a small child; he played basketball at LaFollette High School, and upon his graduation in 1949, he played football and basketball at East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, he honorably served this country for three years during the Korean War as a member of the United States Army's 82nd Airborne Division; and

WHEREAS, Ron Murray was an athletic trainer at the University of Tennessee for three years; he then served as a trainer for the Knoxville Smokies and the University of Kentucky Wildcats, who won the 1958 National Championship during his tenure; and

WHEREAS, he returned home and coached basketball at LaFollette Junior High School for three years, during which time he created the county's youth basketball league; he then coached at LaFollette High School from 1961 to 1963 and from 1966 to 1968; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Murray began a career with the Tennessee Department of Correction in 1969, and he was instrumental in the creation of the Knox County work release program; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Ron Murray was honored to have the Campbell County High School gymnasium's film room dedicated to him in 2015; more recently, Pine Park was renamed Coach Ron Murray Park; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Murray epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Ron Murray for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Ron Murray for his many contributions to Campbell County and this State and extend to him our best wishes for continued success in his 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.