

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 830

By Howell

A RESOLUTION to commend and honor Sarah Arnold of Polk County on winning the gold medal at the 2020 Fédération Aéronautique Internationale Women's World Gliding Championship.

WHEREAS, it is our great honor to recognize those proud Tennesseans whose commitment to excellence and laudable achievements are a credit to this great State; and

WHEREAS, one such honorable person is Sarah Arnold, who recently took home the gold medal at the 2020 Fédération Aéronautique Internationale Women's World Gliding Championship, a historic feat that brings great pride to the State of Tennessee and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Arnold's first place finish marks the first ever Team USA gold medal in the Women's World Gliding Championship and just the sixth ever Team USA gold in a World Gliding Championship event; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Arnold's performance at the fifteen-day event was most impressive; she competed against fifteen other pilots from seven countries, edging out two-time defending champion Aude Grangeray of France to complete her historic run for the gold medal; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Arnold began her career as a pilot at the age of thirteen and first competed in the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale World Gliding Championships in 2006; she previously claimed the bronze medal in 2013 and the silver medal in 2017. She was inducted into the Tennessee Aviation Hall of Fame in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Arnold co-owns and operates Chilhowee Gliderport, which hosted the first ever Pan American Gliding Championships in the spring of 2015; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Ms. Arnold, Team USA was ably represented by Kathy Fosha, Sylvia Grandstaff, and team captain John Good; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should pause to recognize Sarah Arnold upon her remarkable achievement; 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 commend and honor Sarah Arnold on winning the gold medal at the 2020 Fédération Aéronautique Internationale Women's World Gliding Championship and extend to her our best wishes for continued success in all her 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.