

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1198

By Smith

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Matthew C. "Curt" Jones for his heroism.

WHEREAS, we are honored to recognize those citizens whose quick thinking and decisive actions have saved the lives of those in peril; and

WHEREAS, Matthew C. "Curt" Jones, head football coach at Chattanooga Central High School, became a hero of the highest caliber when he saved a seven-year-old boy from drowning in the ocean at Panama City Beach, Florida; and

WHEREAS, while on a family vacation to Panama City Beach last summer, Curt Jones took note of the two red warning flags, indicating the waters were closed for swimming, as conditions were too dangerous for even the strongest swimmers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones then observed a young boy standing waist-deep in the water; in an instant, the child was pulled out into the Gulf of Mexico by a strong riptide current; and

WHEREAS, Curt Jones sprang into action; with waves breaking over his head, he swam more than forty yards through treacherous conditions to rescue the boy by pulling him safely back to the shore; and

WHEREAS, ever vigilant, Mr. Jones's training and experience as a teacher and as a coach proved invaluable in saving a child's life; and

WHEREAS, too humble to call himself a hero, Curt Jones insists that he only did what he would want any other father to do for one of his own children; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones has been married to a fellow teacher and the love of his life, Misty Jones, for twenty-four years, and they are the proud parents of a daughter, Madison, and a son, Caden; and

WHEREAS, we wish to extend our gratitude and approbation to Curt Jones for his heroic actions in saving a precious young life; 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 Matthew C. "Curt" Jones be honored and commended for saving the life of a seven-year-old boy at Panama City Beach, Florida. We offer our sincerest gratitude for his heroic actions and extend to him our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

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.