

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 28

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Robert White on being selected Coach of the Year for the East Central Region of the National Junior College Athletic Association.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pay tribute to those excellent coaches who have led their charges to success on the field of play and in the game of life; and

WHEREAS, during the past sixteen years, Coach Robert White has established himself as the heart and soul of Dyersburg State Community College's (DSCC's) baseball program and has guided the Eagles to unprecedented heights of achievement on the diamond; and

WHEREAS, Coach White skippered the 2016 DSCC Eagles to the program's first ever Region VII Championship and then to the Tennessee Community College Athletic Association (TCCAA) Championship, another first in school history; and

WHEREAS, his squad finished the season as runners-up in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) East Central Region Championship, falling just one game short of a berth in the NJCAA World Series, and were ranked an unprecedented 5th in the nation; and

WHEREAS, in addition to these historic wins, Robert White was honored on January 6, 2017, at the American Baseball Coaches Association convention as Coach of the Year for the East Central Region of the NJCAA; and

WHEREAS, Coach White was also named TCCAA Region VII Coach of the Year and the Tennessee Baseball Coaches Association's Junior College Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, this legendary coach has claimed more than 400 victories at the DSCC helm, winning thirty or more games in a season numerous times; he led the Eagles to their first ever national ranking in 2008, and under his leadership, DSCC has been recognized as one of the top fifty programs in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Coach White has nurtured and mentored over 150 players to compete at the collegiate level; his players have received scholarships to attend schools such as the University of Kentucky, University of Southern Mississippi, Southwest Missouri State University, Arkansas State University, Tennessee Technological University, Austin Peay State University, Morehead State University, Oral Roberts University, and several ranked Division II and National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics programs; and

WHEREAS, Robert White coached at Harris Stowe State College in St. Louis, Missouri, for four years before taking the helm at DSCC; in his final campaign with the Hornets, he led them to a school-record thirty-six wins; and

WHEREAS, after twice earning All-State honors in baseball at Jackson High School in Missouri, he attended Mineral Area Community College, where he was named All-Conference and All-Region and led the Cardinals to a 42-16 record, the all-time record for wins in school history; and

WHEREAS, Robert White then played for the University of Missouri at St. Louis for one year and earned second team All-Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletics Association honors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. White has distinguished himself as a great baseball player and coach, and he should be appropriately recognized; 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 Robert White on being selected Coach of the Year for the East Central Region of the National Junior College Athletic Association, commend his outstanding tenure as baseball coach at Dyersburg State Community College, recognize his exemplary career as a player, and wish him much continued 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.