

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 143

By Weaver

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Brooke Armistead upon her induction into the Austin Peay State University Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those citizens who, through unwavering dedication and unflagging commitment to excellence, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Brooke Armistead, one of the greatest basketball players to ever come from Smith County; and

WHEREAS, in February of 2009, Brooke Armistead was inducted into the Austin Peay State University Hall of Fame, a most befitting recognition of her outstanding performance as a student athlete during her time at the university; and

WHEREAS, Brooke Armistead is the daughter of Steve and Renee Armistead of Club Springs; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Gordonsville High School, Ms. Armistead's high school basketball career was highlighted by her being a three-time all-state selection in class A, a Miss Class A basketball finalist in 1998-1999, a talented and devoted team player who led her team to three state tournaments, a participant in 102 wins, and a player who garnered 2,539 points in her high school career, setting a county record that remains unbroken; and

WHEREAS, when Brooke Armistead began attending Austin Peay State University in Clarksville in the fall of 1999, the women's basketball team had an unfortunate record of 6-22 for the previous year; and

WHEREAS, during her four-year career at Austin Peay, Ms. Armistead led the Lady Governors to three consecutive Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) Tournament Championships

and three NCAA berths, and, in her senior year, led her team to a 27-4 mark and posted an OVC record of twenty-two straight wins; and

WHEREAS, during her freshman year, Ms. Armistead was named OVC Freshman of the Year for her 1999-2000 season, during which she averaged 20.3 points per game in thirty games; and

WHEREAS, her unparalleled career at Austin Peay earned her countless awards and honors, including her rank as twenty-ninth all-time on the NCAA career scoring list for her four year career; the Lady Governors all-time scoring leader with 2,508 points; second all-time scoring leader in the OVC, despite missing three games in her senior season due to a concussion; all-tourney in every tournament in which she played; the first OVC player ever drafted by the WNBA; all-OVC first team in her sophomore, junior, and senior seasons; and the 2002-2003 OVC Female Athlete of the Year; and

WHEREAS, during her four-year career, Ms. Armistead averaged 20.9 points per game, helping lead her team to eighty-seven wins in her career; and

WHEREAS, Brooke Armistead was the recipient of a Steve Hamilton Sportsmanship Award, which honors the top male or female athlete in the OVC who exemplifies great characteristics; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Armistead is the only Austin Peay State University female athlete ever to have her jersey retired; and

WHEREAS, Brooke Armistead is the all-time Austin Peay State University career leader in scoring, field goals, field goals attempted, free throws, free throws attempted, and free throw percentage, and her 86.6 career free throw percentage ranks eighth of all-time; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her exceptional success on the basketball court, Brooke Armistead excelled in her schoolwork as well, maintaining a 3.85 grade point average, which resulted in a Governors Club Academic Achievement Award during her senior season, awarding her for having the highest GPA among graduating athletes at Austin Peay; and

WHEREAS, Brooke Armistead, a woman of true character and commitment, exemplifies the type of work ethic and leadership characteristic of a woman whom fellow Tennesseans

admire for her tireless efforts to excel, guiding them with solid principles and high standards, whether in the athletic arena or in the actions of her daily life; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate Brooke Armistead upon her induction into the Austin Peay Hall of Fame, join with her family and friends in celebrating this momentous occasion, honor her for her substantial legacy as a superior athlete in the sports community of Tennessee, and commend her dedication to her family, her studies, and all her chosen endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.