

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 338

By Keisling

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Kent Smith upon being inducted into the Red Boiling Springs Basketball Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those gifted athletes and coaches who have attained the very pinnacle of sporting achievement; and

WHEREAS, Kent Smith is one such legendary coach and athlete, who was recently inducted into the Red Boiling Springs (RBS) Basketball Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, a four-year player for the Bulldogs, Mr. Smith was an All-Tri-Lakes Conference selection as a senior and was named to the All-Tournament team at the 1975 Red Boiling Springs Christmas Tournament, helping his team win that tourney for the first time; and

WHEREAS, after hanging up his sneakers, Kent Smith coached boys' basketball at his alma mater from 1981-1989; he posted 81 wins (3rd in RBS history), three consecutive winning seasons, and three regional tournament appearances at the helm of the Bulldogs; and

WHEREAS, Kent Smith was named the Tri-Lakes Conference Coach of the Year for 1985-1986, and he became the first RBS boys' basketball coach to win a regional contest in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Coach Smith has served RBS athletics in numerous capacities over the past forty years; he was the head baseball coach for nine seasons (1980-1989), the head golf coach for nine seasons (1998-2008), the head junior high boys' basketball coach for eight seasons (1981-1989), assistant girls' basketball coach (1981-1989 and 2008-2014), the head junior high football coach, and assistant high school football coach; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was principal of Red Boiling Springs from 1996-1998; and

WHEREAS, Kent Smith demonstrated leadership and skill on the basketball court both as a player and coach, and he should be recognized on this special occasion; 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 congratulate Kent Smith upon being inducted into the Red Boiling Springs Basketball Hall of Fame and extend to him our best wishes for 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.