

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 684

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach J.T. Batson of Clarksville High School on his much-deserved selection as *The Leaf-Chronicle's* All-Area Soccer Coach of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those coaches who have performed their duties with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm and who, through their magnificent exploits, have brought honor to this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable coach is J.T. Batson, the first-year head coach of the Clarksville High School boys' soccer team, who was recently honored as *The Leaf-Chronicle's* All-Area Soccer Coach of the Year, in recognition of his team's remarkable success on the pitch; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious honor was made all the more satisfying when Coach Batson led his Clarksville High School Wildcats to yet another District 10-AAA championship, during a season that saw the squad reel off an impressive eleven-game winning streak; and

WHEREAS, motivating his senior-heavy lineup with a preseason speech to seize the day, Coach Batson's words were taken to heart as the team advanced all the way to the state sectionals, falling just short of a trip to the state tournament championship; and

WHEREAS, leading Clarksville to its highest ranking (seventh) since 2002, Coach J.T. Batson humbly credits his players and their work ethic, skill, heart, and determination for making a championship season possible; and

WHEREAS, Coach Batson has carried out his duties with the utmost acumen, alacrity, diligence, and character, and with an inspirational flair; he has earned the respect and

admiration of his players, the administration, faculty, and student body of Clarksville High School, and the citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, J.T. Batson has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate his players to reach their fullest potential; he exemplifies the unquestionable character and stalwart determination that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and he should be specially recognized; 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 honor and commend Coach J.T. Batson of Clarksville High School for his honorable and astute service to the youth of this State and join with his players, family, and friends in celebrating his most recent honorific as *The Leaf-Chronicle's* All-Area Soccer Coach of the Year for 2009.

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