

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 740

By Keisling

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mike Strong upon his induction into the Clay County Sports Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly pay tribute to those gifted athletes, coaches, and administrators who have attained the very pinnacle of sporting achievement; and

WHEREAS, Mike Strong is one such legendary athlete, who was recently inducted into the Clay County Sports Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, an iconic figure within the annals of both the boys' basketball and baseball programs at Celina High School, Mr. Strong is considered by many to be one of the best multi-sport athletes in the school's history; and

WHEREAS, Mike Strong was an outstanding two-sport star from 1978 to 1981, excelling on both the hardwood and the diamond; and

WHEREAS, an excellent point guard in basketball, Mr. Strong scored more than 1,000 points during his career, averaged a double-double in points and assists in 1980, and was named All-Region; and

WHEREAS, a four-year letterman, Mike Strong was a two-year starter for the Bulldogs and was a significant contributor on two district championship teams and one region championship team that narrowly missed out on a state tournament berth; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Strong was an equally proficient player for the Bulldog baseball team; he finished with a 9-2 record as Celina's star pitcher during the 1980 season, also played outfield, and batted over .300; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his prowess as a two-position player on the diamond, Mike Strong was selected to play in the TACA All-Star Game, in which he pitched and recorded the win in relief; and

WHEREAS, Mike Strong demonstrated leadership, skill, and athleticism throughout his athletic career, and it is fitting that we should honor him on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Mike Strong upon his induction into the Clay County Sports 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.