

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 820

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Michael Owens 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, Michael Owens is one such legendary athlete and coach, who was recently inducted into the Red Boiling Springs (RBS) Basketball Sports Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, a two-year starter for the Bulldogs, Coach Owens scored 673 points and set the single-season scoring record at RBS before graduating in 1989; and

WHEREAS, he also holds single-season records for most assists (229 in 1988-1989) and most made three-pointers (72 in 1987-1988); and

WHEREAS, a two-time Tri-Lakes All-Conference selection, Coach Owens also ranks among the top ten in RBS history in single-season steals and made three-pointers in a game; and

WHEREAS, Michael Owens led the Bulldogs to three consecutive winning seasons and the program's first regional semifinal appearance in 1987-1988; and

WHEREAS, since hanging up his sneakers, Michael Owens has coached boys' basketball at his alma mater for the past twenty-three years; he has posted 250 wins and four 20-win seasons at the helm of the Bulldogs and is still going strong; and

WHEREAS, as the RBS junior high boys' basketball coach for seven seasons, he deftly guided his charges to two 20-win campaigns, three Highland Rim Conference Championships, the final four of the state tournament on four occasions, and the Class AA State Championship

in 2000-2001, when the Bulldogs posted the only undefeated season in either RBS junior high or high school history at 25-0; and

WHEREAS, the winningest boys' basketball coach in school history, Coach Owens posted RBS's first ever consecutive 20-win seasons in 2002-2003 and 2003-2004, with the 2002-2003 team winning the district tournament for only the second time in school history; and

WHEREAS, in 2009-2010, Coach Owens led RBS to its first sectional appearance; and

WHEREAS, Michael Owens has demonstrated leadership, skill, and athleticism 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 TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Michael Owens 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.