

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1015

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A RESOLUTION to honor Rick Young for his influence and leadership in Blount County.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in recognizing a local legend who served his community and its children for forty-one years as an outstanding coach and dedicated leader of youth; and

WHEREAS, Rick Young served forty-one years and 367 games as a head coach of youth football in Blount County, compiling a remarkable record of 281 wins and a winning percentage of 76.6 percent; he led his teams to five undefeated seasons and twenty-six championships; and

WHEREAS, as head coach of the Fairview Raiders football team of eleven- and twelve-year-olds for thirty-five years (1979-2013), Mr. Young posted a record of 245-70 for a 77.8 percent winning percentage and led his charges to four undefeated seasons, seventeen county championships, and eight league championships; and

WHEREAS, he then served as the head football coach at William Blount Middle School for six years (2014-2019), posting a record of 36-16 for a 69.2 percent winning percentage; he led his squad to an undefeated season in 2015 and was twice named East Tennessee Middle School Football Conference Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Young was a youth baseball coach in the Eagleton Big League (1978-1985) and the Maryville Little League (1988-1997) and at Carpenters Middle School (2006-2008); and

WHEREAS, he served as a youth basketball coach from 1988 to 1995, and his 1995 William Blount High School softball team was district runner-up; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mr. Young is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his high school sweetheart and wife of nearly forty-one years, Sharon Young, and their sons, who followed in their father's footsteps to pursue careers in education and coaching; Jon Young previously served as a football coach at the middle school and high school levels and is currently the principal at Carpenters Middle School, and Justin Young is currently the head baseball coach at William Blount High School; and

WHEREAS, Rick Young distinguished himself as an exemplary role model who positively influenced numerous young lives during his tenure as a youth coach in Blount County, and he is most worthy of our approbation; 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 Rick Young for his positive influence and superb leadership of young people as a football, baseball, basketball, and softball coach in Blount County, pay tribute to his many impressive accomplishments on the gridiron, the court, and the diamond, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success.

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.