

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1249

By Carringer

A RESOLUTION to honor Coach Rob Black of Fulton High School on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in recognizing those high school coaches whose devotion and leadership have positively impacted the lives of countless student athletes; and

WHEREAS, Coach Rob Black has announced his plans to retire this year, after eleven seasons as head coach of the Fulton High School football team; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame, Coach Black won consecutive state championships as Fulton's head coach between 2012 and 2014; in his eleven seasons as head coach, the team made the playoffs eleven times and compiled a record of 103-36; and

WHEREAS, prior to serving as head coach, he was the offensive coordinator for the team under Head Coach Buck Coatney for nearly two decades, from 1992 to 2011; as both a head coach and offensive coordinator, Coach Black has been part of six state championships; and

WHEREAS, Coach Rob Black's roots run deep at Fulton High School; a 1984 graduate, he played for the Falcons football team under Head Coach Steve Brewer; and

WHEREAS, when he was around five years old, Rob Black was the water boy and the kicking tee boy for the team when his father, Bob Black, the former football coach and athletic administrator for whom the Fulton football field is named, was head coach; and

WHEREAS, Coach Rob Black has made a lasting impression both as a coach and a leader of young men, and his legacy goes far beyond the game of football; and

WHEREAS, he has prepared his players to succeed in life after their days on the gridiron, and he has emphasized the importance of service to others above self; and

WHEREAS, throughout his eleven seasons at Fulton High School, Coach Black has excelled both as a coach and mentor, and he is worthy of our approbation on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Coach Rob Black, head coach of the Fulton High School Falcons football team, on the occasion of his retirement and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness in his future endeavors.

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.