

HOUSE RESOLUTION 74

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Jerry Stackhouse of Vanderbilt University on his receipt of the Ben Jobe National Coach of the Year Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should pay tribute to those excellent coaches who have led their players to success in athletic competition and in the game of life; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary individual is Coach Jerry Stackhouse of Vanderbilt University, who has established himself as the heart and soul of the men's basketball program since taking the reins in 2019 and returned the Commodores to the national spotlight of collegiate basketball; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his tremendous efforts during the 2022-2023 season, Coach Stackhouse was recently named the recipient of the Ben Jobe National Coach of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, this past season, Coach Stackhouse led Vanderbilt, which was picked to finish in twelfth place, to a fourth-place finish, as the Commodores posted twenty-two wins, going 12-2 over the final month-plus of the regular season and beating the University of Kentucky twice in a ten-day stretch, including a road win in Lexington on Senior Day, which rightfully earned him recognition as Co-Coach of the Year in the SEC; and

WHEREAS, a North Carolina basketball legend, Jerry Stackhouse was a 1993 McDonald's All-American in high school and enjoyed a stellar career at the University of North Carolina, where he earned All ACC and All American honors on his way to being named *Sports Illustrated* National Player of the Year in 1995; and

WHEREAS, drafted as the third overall pick in the 1995 NBA Draft, Coach Stackhouse displayed his brilliance on the court for all to see during his eighteen-year career, scoring over 15,000 career points, earning multiple NBA All-Star accolades and Slam Dunk Contest appearances, and participating in countless playoff games and the NBA Finals; and

WHEREAS, seeking to share his keen insight and basketball acumen, he embarked on a coaching career at the NBA level as an assistant coach with the Toronto Raptors in 2015 and later the Memphis Grizzlies in 2018, before accepting the position of head coach of the Vanderbilt Commodores in 2019; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure with the Dores, Coach Stackhouse has coached two NBA draft picks, including a lottery pick, and returned the team to postseason play with back-to-back appearances in the NIT, the first postseason games for the squad since 2017; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Stackhouse earned his bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill and has completed the Business of Entertainment, Media, and Sports executive education program at Harvard Business School; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Coach Stackhouse is most thankful for the love and support of his wife, Ramirra Stackhouse, and his three children, Jay Stackhouse, Alexis Stackhouse, and Antonio Stackhouse; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Stackhouse of Vanderbilt University has distinguished himself as a great basketball coach, tactician, and motivator of young men, and he should be appropriately recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate Coach Jerry Stackhouse of Vanderbilt University on his receipt of the Ben Jobe National Coach of the Year Award and extend to him our best wishes for 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.