

HOUSE RESOLUTION 314

By Bass

A RESOLUTION to commend Ronnie Rose for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as a sports broadcaster for WKSR.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are honored to recognize those individuals in this State who have dedicated their careers to the pursuit of excellence; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Ronnie Rose, who served with distinction as “The Voice of the Bobcats” for over thirty years; and

WHEREAS, for more than three decades, Ronnie Rose’s deep wellspring of energy and his eloquent play-by-plays made this exceptional radio personality a Giles County legend; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rose was discovered by WKSR’s Nate Street in 1973 while Ronnie Rose was serving as the scorekeeper and public address announcer for the local little league; and

WHEREAS, Ronnie Rose began his illustrious radio career by lending his tremendous voice to WKSR’s Saturday evening on-air shift and, after a year of brilliant performance, was promoted to WKSR’s sports broadcasting department; and

WHEREAS, from 1985 until 1993, he lived in Alabama, where he was responsible for running the Alabama High School Association’s regional tournament and masterfully provided play-by-play commentary for the University of Northern Alabama; and

WHEREAS, returning to Pulaski, Tennessee, and WKSR in 1993, Mr. Rose served with acumen and alacrity as the station manager, sports and news broadcaster, and disc jockey, in which positions he earned the respect of his peers and listeners alike due to the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, a dependable figure on the airways in and around Giles County, Ronnie Rose entertained his countless fans at WKSR with his interpretations of Martin Methodist College's and Giles County, Richland, and Decatur High Schools' games; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his singular abilities, Mr. Rose was regularly given the privilege of announcing one inning of an Atlanta Braves' baseball game; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Ronnie Rose is most proud of the love and companionship he shares with his wife of twenty-nine years, Gay Condrey Rose, and he is the proud father of two incredible sons, Christopher Cody Rose and Jody Nicholas Rose; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rose epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Ronnie Rose is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend Ronnie Rose on his laudable service to the State of Tennessee and its citizens, as we pay tribute to his exemplary career as a sports broadcaster, radio personality, and public servant of the highest order.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.