

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 53

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to congratulate William A. McMahan III on being inducted into the Baylor Sports Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those citizens who, through unwavering dedication and unflagging commitment to excellence, have distinguished themselves as exceptional coaches and community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is William A. McMahan III, who was recently honored with induction into the Baylor Sports Hall of Fame, a most befitting recognition of his outstanding accomplishments in the arena of sports; and

WHEREAS, this humbling honor is bestowed on those few extraordinary individuals whose dazzling leadership in the sporting arena have caused them to shine brightly in the eyes of their many fans and supporters; and

WHEREAS, a three-sport athlete during his high school days at Baylor, Bill McMahan returned to his alma mater in 1974 to begin a legendary coaching career that would see him lead Baylor teams to victory on the basketball court, the gridiron, the wrestling mat, and the track; and

WHEREAS, Baylor's varsity football coach for thirty-one years, Coach McMahan began his tenure coaching the junior high basketball, wrestling, and track teams as well as ninth-grade football, winning two city football championships and establishing a record of twenty-two wins and only one loss; and

WHEREAS, always placing an emphasis on discipline and commitment, Bill McMahan's achievements as head coach of the boys' and girls' track teams for twenty-one years are

unrivaled as he was named Chattanooga Area Track Coach of the Year in 1991, 1992, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2008, 2010, and 2011; and

WHEREAS, his Baylor girls' track team won seven state championships, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011, one state runner up in 2001, and fifteen regional championships during his twenty-one years as head coach; and

WHEREAS, Coach Bill McMahan led his Baylor boys' track team to state championship titles in 2000 and 2002, state runner up honors in 2001 and 2008, and region titles in 2001, 2002, and 2003; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Coach McMahan was named Tennessee State Coach of the Year for 2009-10, inducted into the Greater Chattanooga Area Sports Hall of Fame in 2012, and received the A.F. Bridges Coach of the Year award in 2008 from the TSSAA as the organization paid recognition to his good sportsmanship and citizenship; and

WHEREAS, devoted to his family, William McMahan enjoys the love and support of his wife, Debbie, and their two children, Knox and Allison; and

WHEREAS, Bill McMahan, a man of true character and commitment, exemplifies dedication and leadership, and he is admired by his fellow Tennesseans for his tireless efforts to excel, always guided by solid principles and high standards, whether in the athletic arena or in the actions of his daily life; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we join with the family, friends, colleagues, former players, and many fans of William A. McMahan III in congratulating him upon his induction into the Baylor Sports Hall of Fame, commend him for his substantial legacy to his community, and offer our deep appreciation for the dedication that he has shown our State.

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