

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 180

By Burks

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Joey Proctor on winning the 2009 Division I State Wrestling Championship in the 160-pound division.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those gifted student-athletes who, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of our State; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy student-athlete is Joey Proctor, a junior at Cookeville High School who recently attained an unparalleled measure of athletic success when he captured the Division I State Wrestling Tournament's Championship title in the 160-pound division in February of 2009 at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga's McKenzie Arena; and

WHEREAS, with roots tracing back to the ancient Greeks and the early Olympics, wrestling is a most demanding sport, and Mr. Proctor has proved himself to be a remarkable wrestler and a valuable team player; and

WHEREAS, aided by his tremendous skill and resulting victory, Mr. Proctor's team finished fourth overall in the tournament, boasting 104 team points despite the fact that they competed in only eight of the fourteen weight divisions; and

WHEREAS, Joey Proctor's impressive record for the year is forty-four wins to only two losses, a remarkable feat that led him to become a two-time State Medalist with a third place finish in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Joey Proctor attended first and second grade in Brazil, Indiana, and he has been a devoted student of Putnam County Schools since; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his exceptional achievements in wrestling, winning various wrestling medals since he was eight years old, Joey Proctor has won regional tournaments playing doubles tennis and has served as an instructor at various tennis camps; and

WHEREAS, he has also given generously of his time and athletic ability as a volunteer at an Amateur Athletic Union wrestling program; and

WHEREAS, Joey Proctor epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are vital in achieving success and that are also characteristic of a true Tennessean; the talent and determination exhibited by this young man surely bode well for his future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Proctor's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Joey Proctor on winning first place at the 2009 Division I State Wrestling Tournament in the 160-pound division, applaud his impressive high school wrestling career, and join with his family, friends, coaches, and teammates in celebrating his achievements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend to him our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

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