

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 450

By Haile

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Scott Wietecha of Hendersonville on winning the 2017 St. Jude Rock 'n' Roll Nashville Marathon.

WHEREAS, from time to time, this body recognizes those individuals whose dedication, perseverance, and commitment in the pursuit of their goals serve to make them exemplars of the qualities treasured by the citizenry of this State; and

WHEREAS, Scott Wietecha of Hendersonville is one such individual, whose amazing fifth consecutive first place finish in the St. Jude Rock 'n' Roll Nashville Marathon has set a level of running excellence in Tennessee that may never be surpassed; and

WHEREAS, a physical education teacher at Jack Anderson Elementary in Hendersonville, Mr. Wietecha completed the race in a time of 2:40:26 to continue his winning streak despite the sweltering conditions; and

WHEREAS, an exceptional running tactician, Scott Wietecha jumped out to an early lead and kept an eye on his competition, understanding the higher-than-normal temperatures would impact the race; and

WHEREAS, although he slowed down between the twenty-two and twenty-four mile markers to ensure that he had enough energy to complete the race, Mr. Wietecha finished more than sixteen minutes ahead of his closest competitor; and

WHEREAS, the hot and humid conditions were brutal for the more than 22,800 runners, including Scott Wietecha, who considering walking for a stretch of the race and told reporters that it "was definitely the hardest marathon that I've won"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wietecha's ability, dedication, rarefied talent, and perseverance in the face of overwhelming difficulties are worthy of the recognition of this General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate Scott Wietecha on winning the 2017 St. Jude Rock 'n' Roll Nashville Marathon, celebrate his fifth consecutive victory, and offer our best wishes for his continued success in the future.

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