

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 796

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A RESOLUTION to honor the late Don Grider upon his induction into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those coaches who performed their duties with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm and who, through their magnificent exploits, have brought honor to this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable coach is the late Don Grider, whose memory will be honored with induction into the prestigious Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Hall of Fame, a fitting recognition of his remarkable success on the football gridiron as the head coach of the South Pittsburg High School football team; and

WHEREAS, during his illustrious tenure at the helm of the South Pittsburg football team, his teams posted a remarkable 192-76-3 record and won the first-ever TSSAA Class A State Championship in 1969; and

WHEREAS, his indelible legacy of integrity and hard work laid the groundwork for the success of the South Pittsburg High School football program in the years to come; and

WHEREAS, Don Grider carried out his coaching duties with the utmost acumen, alacrity, diligence, and character, earning the respect and admiration of his players, colleagues, and the citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, one of the most respected and esteemed figures in high school football competition, Coach Grider possessed coaching skills and abilities which garnered him the admiration of football fans and purists throughout the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Coach Don Grider demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate his players to reach their fullest potential; he exemplified the unquestionable character and stalwart

determination that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and he should be specially recognized; 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 honor the memory of the late Don Grider, recognizing his illustrious service as the head football coach of South Pittsburg High School, and join with his former players, family, and friends in celebrating his induction into the TSSAA Hall of Fame.

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