

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 810

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor Coach Dave Kragel on the occasion of his 1,000th career victory.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in recognizing a basketball coaching legend who has attained the very pinnacle of his sport; and

WHEREAS, Coach Dave Kragel of Walters State Community College recently claimed his 1,000th career victory, thus becoming the first women's basketball coach in NJCAA history to reach this rarefied atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, Coach Kragel's extraordinary record is rendered even more incredible by the fact that he won all 1,000 games as the head coach of the Walters State Lady Senators, a feat that will likely never be matched; and

WHEREAS, Dave Kragel notched his first head coaching victory at Walters State on December 1, 1977, and collected his 1,000th victory and fifty-fourth consecutive conference win exactly forty-three years, one month, and fourteen days later; and

WHEREAS, now coaching in his forty-third season, Coach Kragel has led Walters State to fifteen Eastern Division Championships, nineteen State Championships, sixteen Region VII Championships, and ten TCCAA Conference Championships; and

WHEREAS, he has coached twenty-seven All-Americans and seventy-seven All-Region players during his tenure at the helm, and his teams have been nationally ranked in thirty-three seasons; the Lady Senators have earned eight consecutive bids to the NJCAA Tournament under his leadership and are favored to receive a ninth this year; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, Coach Kragel was deservedly inducted into the National Community College Coaches Athletic Association Hall of Fame in recognition of his many accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who still loves his profession after all these years, Coach Kragel is most proud of the academic and personal achievements of the student athletes he has coached and mentored during his incredible career at Walters State and is thankful for the opportunity to have positively influenced so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Coach Dave Kragel has distinguished himself as one of the greatest coaches in basketball history, and he is most worthy of our approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Coach Dave Kragel on the occasion of his 1,000th career victory as the head coach of women's basketball at Walters State Community College, congratulate him on attaining this NJCAA-record plateau, applaud his ongoing commitment to the student athletes under his charge, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness both on and off the court.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.