

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 908

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor Ken Campbell upon his induction into the NJCAA Baseball Hall of Fame.

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

WHEREAS, one such remarkable individual is Ken Campbell, the former Walters State Community College baseball coach, who was recently selected for induction into the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Baseball Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Coach Campbell served as the head coach of the Walters State baseball team from 1999 to 2013, compiling a record of 650-162-1, and guided the 2006 team to the Junior College World Series Championship; and

WHEREAS, under Coach Ken Campbell's leadership, the Senators became a national powerhouse, winning nine regular season conference titles, claiming six conference tournament titles, and earning Junior College World Series berths in 2003, 2005, 2006, 2008, and 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Walters State Senators and Coach Campbell enjoyed an amazing run, winning at least thirty-seven games every season and posting forty-win seasons in twelve of his fourteen years at the reins; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Coach Ken Campbell was named the 2006 NJCAA Coach of the Year and was inducted into the Tennessee Junior and Community College Hall of Fame in 2010. As a most-fitting tribute, the baseball field at Walters State Community College was named in his honor in 2016; and

WHEREAS, one of the first student athletes to earn a scholarship to play baseball at East Tennessee State University, Ken Campbell began his coaching career at Eau Gallie High

School in Melbourne, Florida, and later spent ten seasons as head coach at East Tennessee State University before coming to Walters State; and

WHEREAS, Coach Ken Campbell epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; he has served with great diligence and dedication, positively influencing the lives of countless young people through his display of character and integrity; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Ken Campbell for his many years of coaching excellence and his contributions to baseball in Tennessee; 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 congratulate Ken Campbell upon his induction into the NJCAA Baseball Hall of Fame and join with him, his former players, family, and friends in celebrating this much-deserved honor.

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.