

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1219

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A RESOLUTION to honor Coach Mike Hendrix of Hendersonville High School upon attaining his 400th career victory.

WHEREAS, this body is honored to recognize those coaches throughout the State who have spent years in unflagging pursuit of victory, while inspiring a countless number of Tennessee's students to success, both on and off the baseball diamond; and

WHEREAS, Hendersonville High School's Coach Mike Hendrix is one such estimable coach who recently reached an incredible milestone in his impressive coaching career by winning 400 career games; and

WHEREAS, an educator for thirty-two years and now in his twenty-first season as Head Coach of the Hendersonville Commandos, Mike Hendrix led his squad to a victory over Lebanon on March 27th for his 400th career victory; and

WHEREAS, to date, Coach Hendrix has now accumulated 421 career victories which ranks him in fifteenth place all-time in the history of high school baseball in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, with his professional demeanor, impeccable integrity, and exceptional communication skills, Coach Hendrix has established himself as a preeminent figure in baseball and is renowned both in Tennessee and throughout this country, having produced more than forty college baseball players and three players drafted by Major League Baseball either straight from high school or after college; and

WHEREAS, a 1971 graduate of Overton High School, Mike Hendrix won a baseball state championship with Overton his senior year and went on to play college baseball at Motlow State Community College and Belmont University; and

WHEREAS, during his remarkable tenure at Hendersonville, Coach Hendrix's teams have amassed five district championships, been district runner-up six times, advanced to the

regional tournament nine times, and been to the state tournament four times, finishing runner-up in 1994 and third in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Mike Hendrix stands among his peers as one of the finest baseball coaches in America, and this body is especially proud to pause in its deliberations to recognize this esteemed Tennessean for his extraordinary coaching accomplishments; 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 Coach Mike Hendrix of Hendersonville High School on winning his 400th game, applaud his vaunted level of success and his dedication to excellence both on and off the baseball diamond, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success.

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