

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1349

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Jason Shay upon his selection as head coach of the men's basketball team at East Tennessee State University.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially honor and commend those coaches who, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Coach Jason Shay, who was recently selected as head coach of the men's basketball team at East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, only the team's seventeenth head coach, Coach Shay has spent the last five seasons as the Buccaneer's assistant coach, during which time the team compiled an overall record of 130-43 and the most wins in a five-year period in program history, ranking fifteenth nationally since the start of the 2015-2016 season. During the 2017-2018 season, the team tied the school record by winning sixteen consecutive games, a streak that was the longest in the nation at one point during the season; and

WHEREAS, Coach Jason Shay has been invaluable to the Bucs' game-planning and scouting processes during his tenure, as evidenced by the team's two Southern Conference (SoCon) regular season championships, two SoCon tournament championships, and two NCAA Tournament appearances; most recently, the Buccaneers set a program-record thirty wins, becoming just the fourth team in conference history to accomplish the feat; and

WHEREAS, before arriving in Johnson City, Coach Shay held assistant coaching stints at the University of North Dakota, Northwest Florida State College, the University of Tennessee, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and Mercyhurst College in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, throughout his many successes, Coach Jason Shay is grateful for the love and support he shares with his wife, Jana, and their children, Peija and Joah; and

WHEREAS, Coach Shay's connection to the school's student-athletes and his wealth of experience, competitiveness, and knowledge of the game make him an invaluable head coach and 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 and congratulate Jason Shay upon his selection as head coach of the men's basketball team at East Tennessee State University and extend 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.