

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1408

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to recognize Coach Garrick Hall of Hixson High School on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is honored to recognize those coaches and educators throughout the State who have spent years in unflinching pursuit of victory, inspiring a countless number of Tennessee's students to succeed, both as athletes and as scholars; and

WHEREAS, one such person is Garrick Hall, who has served with distinction for the past seventeen years as head wrestling coach at Hixson High School and has announced his plans to retire as a coach, though he will retain his role as dean of students; and

WHEREAS, in his seventeen years at the helm of Hixson High School's wrestling program, the Wildcats have never had a losing record; his wrestlers won back-to-back State duals tournament titles in 2009 and 2010 and the A-AA traditional tournament title in 2014; and

WHEREAS, a skilled motivator and gifted strategist, Coach Hall is a three-time Region Coach of the Year honoree and has coached five individual State champions: Landon Goforth, Trevor Lewis, Cedric Harris, Truman Ross, and Parrish Pacetti; and

WHEREAS, he won his 400th match this year, with his team posting a record of 27-8, and completed the season with a career mark of 401 wins against only 85 losses; and

WHEREAS, Garrick Hall graduated from Hixson High School in 1990, earned his undergraduate degree in physical education and health education from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, and completed his master's degree at Tennessee Technological University; and

WHEREAS, Coach Hall began his illustrious coaching career at East Ridge High School, where he was an assistant under Brad Jackson; after joining the staff of Hixson High School, he served as an assistant wrestling coach under Head Coach Roger Vandergriff for six years; and

WHEREAS, throughout his twenty-three years as a coach at Hixson, Garrick Hall has made a lasting impression both as a coach and mentor, and he is worthy of our approbation on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Coach Garrick Hall on the occasion of his retirement as head coach of the Hixson High School Wildcats wrestling team and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness in his future endeavors.

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.