

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1572

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to recognize Billy Ray Martin on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of service; and

WHEREAS, Billy Ray Martin is one such estimable individual, who has served with distinction for an incredible fifty-two years as coach of the Twins Little League baseball team of the Morristown Parks and Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, the Morristown Parks and Recreation Department honored Mr. Martin and his contributions to the league by retiring his beloved Twins; and

WHEREAS, Billy Martin began his coaching career with the Twins Little League team in 1971, and he never missed a season through 2023; during his impressive tenure, he won a lot of games, some titles, and a state championship, qualifying for the Southeast Region Tournament in Florida; and

WHEREAS, for his magnificent performance on the diamond, Mr. Martin was named to the Parks and Recreation Hall of Fame in 1984, after which he coached another thirty-nine seasons; and

WHEREAS, Billy Martin exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable coaching career, Mr. Martin demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the respect and admiration of his community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Billy Ray Martin our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success 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.