

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 2

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Neal Jackson on being inducted into the Columbia Academy Athletic Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those citizens who, through unwavering dedication and unflagging commitment to excellence, have distinguished themselves as extraordinary athletes of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Neal Jackson, who was inducted into the Columbia Academy Athletic Hall of Fame on October 14, 2016, an honor bestowed on those few exceptional individuals who exemplify the highest standards of sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and moral character; and

WHEREAS, Neal Jackson was a three-sport athlete at Columbia Academy, where he played tennis, golf, and football, scoring forty-four career touchdowns, including six touchdowns in a single game on the gridiron for the Bulldogs; and

WHEREAS, the Most Valuable Player (MVP) for offense in 1982 and 1983, Mr. Jackson led the Bulldogs to a 10-1 record in 1983 and an appearance in the Pioneer Bowl, where he was named MVP; he was named to the All-District 10-A football team in 1982 and 1983 and was the 1983 MVP; and

WHEREAS, an honorable mention pick for the 1983 All-State football team, Neal Jackson was named to the All-State first team as a running back the following year and holds the distinction of being the first Bulldog selected for the All-State team; and

WHEREAS, Neal Jackson, a man of true character and commitment, exemplifies dedication and leadership, and he is admired by his fellow Tennesseans for his tireless efforts to

excel, always guided by solid principles and high standards, whether in the athletic arena or in the actions of his daily life; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join with the family, friends, colleagues, former players, and many fans of Neal Jackson in congratulating him upon his induction into the Columbia Academy Athletic Hall of Fame, commend him for his legacy to his community, and offer our deep appreciation for the dedication that he has shown our State.

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