

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 134

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Ryan Garner on winning the 2008 Pepsi® Punt, Pass, and Kick National Championship.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful young athletes who, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Garner of Dyer, Tennessee, is one such estimable young man who evinces great sportsmanship and athletic excellence in all his endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Garner earned the praise and admiration of his fellow Tennesseans, and indeed all Americans who love sports, when he captured the National Championship in the 12-13 year old division of the 2008 Pepsi® Punt, Pass, and Kick competition in Charlotte, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, also winning the 2007 National Championship at the Superdome in New Orleans, Louisiana, he has accomplished the rare feat of winning the National Championship twice; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Garner qualified for this prestigious competition by winning the Tennessee Titans' team Punt, Pass, and Kick competition; the top four scorers from the thirty-two NFL team champions were invited to participate in the national finals; and

WHEREAS, at Charlotte, he blew the competition away under windy conditions when he won his division by five feet; and

WHEREAS, Brad and Page Garner are extremely proud of their son and his accomplishments, both on and off the gridiron; and

WHEREAS, displaying outstanding character and spirit throughout the competition, Ryan Garner conducted himself in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this singular young man made possible his victory in the 2008 Pepsi® Punt, Pass, and Kick National Championship for a second consecutive year; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee takes great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of its athletes who have succeeded both on the field of competition and in everyday life; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Ryan Garner on winning the 12-13 year old division of the 2008 Pepsi® Punt, Pass, and Kick National Championship for the second year in a row, and extend to him our best wishes in what is sure to be a bright future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy., but also surely point toward success in his future endeavors; and