

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 219

By Keisling

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Ranford Watson upon his posthumous induction into the Clay County Sports Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly pay tribute to those gifted athletes, coaches, and administrators who attained the very pinnacle of sporting achievement; and

WHEREAS, Ranford Watson was one such legendary athlete, who was recently posthumously inducted into the Clay County Sports Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, an iconic figure within the annals of both the boys' basketball and baseball programs at Celina High School, the late Mr. Watson is considered by many to have been one of the best multi-sport athletes in the school's history; and

WHEREAS, Ranford Watson was an outstanding two-sport star from 1959 to 1961, excelling on both the hardwood and the diamond; and

WHEREAS, the leading scorer and rebounder on the 1961 District 15 Champion basketball team, he averaged a double-double that season, recording over 20 rebounds in numerous games and producing a 29-point and 27-rebound effort against Pickett County; and

WHEREAS, he was named to both the All-District and All-Upper Cumberland teams for his dominant play that season, which saw the Bulldogs claim their first District Championship in ten years and a region berth; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Watson was an equally proficient player for the Bulldog baseball team; where he was an accomplished hitter and also played outfield from 1959-1961; and

WHEREAS, Ranford Watson demonstrated leadership, skill, and athleticism throughout his athletic career, and it is fitting that we should honor his memory on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Ranford Watson upon his posthumous induction into the Clay County Sports Hall of Fame.

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.