

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 911

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Barry Beau Brunetti for his heralded success on the football gridiron.

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

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy athlete is Memphis University School (MUS) quarterback Barry Beau Brunetti, who recently signed his Letter of Intent to play quarterback for West Virginia University after receiving numerous college scholarship offers; and

WHEREAS, led by the vaunted quarterback play of Barry Brunetti, the MUS Owls football team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2009 season, establishing a record of twelve wins and no loses; and

WHEREAS, the Memphis University School football team captured the Division II Class AA State Championship again this year in the culmination of the team's second consecutive undefeated season, with its victory over Montgomery Bell Academy (MBA) at the BlueCross Bowl, held at Tennessee Technological University's Tucker Stadium; and

WHEREAS, during the game, a hard-fought battle in which the Owls prevailed 27-17 and led start to finish, the MUS football team operated as a powerful and unstoppable unit, chewing up yards and completing timely passes on their march to victory; and

WHEREAS, the Owls were led by the outstanding play of senior quarterback Barry Brunetti, who was named as the game's Offensive Most Valuable Player after a stellar effort in which he completed twenty-one of twenty-seven passes for 247 yards and threw two touchdowns against no interceptions; and

WHEREAS, led by Mr. Brunetti's Herculean efforts, the MUS Owls not only finished the season as state champions, but were also recently presented with a trophy by the MaxPreps Tour of Champions and the Army National Guard, recognizing Memphis University School as the seventeenth best team out of 16,000 in the nation for the 2009 high school football season; and

WHEREAS, an outstanding student-athlete, Mr. Brunetti earned a scholarship to Memphis University School and displayed tremendous ability, teamwork, and perseverance throughout his career; he won numerous awards and honors, including among others, the Memphis University School Offensive Player of the Year in 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009, the *Commercial Appeal's* Best Offensive Player of the Year in 2008, the Auto Zone Liberty Bowl Best Offensive Player of the Year in 2009, and the Auto Zone Prep Player of the Year in 2009; and

WHEREAS, with the support of his family, teammates, coaches, teachers, and many fans, he has represented Memphis University School and the State of Tennessee in fine fashion, displaying integrity both on and off the football field; and

WHEREAS, with his heralded exploits on the football gridiron becoming the stuff of legend, Barry Brunetti's athletic prowess and talents are widely known throughout the Memphis area and the State of Tennessee; a blue-chip all-star athlete, Mr. Brunetti caught the eye of college coaches and scouts from across the nation; after receiving multiple college scholarship offers, he recently signed his Letter of Intent to play quarterback for the West Virginia Mountaineers; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Barry Brunetti is most appreciative of the love and support of his parents, Paul and Elna Brunetti; his siblings, Bianca and Paul, his grandparents, Lorean E. Jones and Elnora Brunetti, and the many members of his extended family; and

WHEREAS, the leadership and passion for the game of quarterback Barry Brunetti are without rival; he has etched his name onto the hearts of Tennesseans and into the annals of Tennessee sports history; his dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent not only made

possible a successful and memorable football season, but also surely point toward his successes in future endeavors; 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 hereby honor and congratulate Barry Beau Brunetti for his heralded success on the football gridiron and extend to him our best wishes for future success.

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