

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 921

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Marynell Meadors upon being named WNBA Coach of the Year.

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 exceptional coaches and community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Nashville native Marynell Meadors, Head Coach of the Atlanta Dream, who has recently been named WNBA Coach of the Year, a most befitting recognition of her outstanding accomplishments as a coach and leader of women; and

WHEREAS, the first head coach of the women's basketball program at Tennessee Tech, Ms. Meadors won more than 300 games and posted a school-record .723 winning percentage during her twenty-year tenure at that illustrious institution; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Ms. Meadors received two Ohio Valley Conference Coach of the Year Awards and a Metro Conference Coach of the Year Award while at Tennessee Tech; and

WHEREAS, also during this time, she steered her Golden Eagle squads to four OVC championships and two Metro Conference titles and became the first woman in NCAA or AIAW history to win 300 games at the same institution; and

WHEREAS, on November 27, 2007, Ms. Meadors was hired to become the coach and general manager of the new Atlanta Dream WNBA franchise in Atlanta, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, in her second season as coach, the Dream went 18-16, finishing second in the Eastern Conference and making the playoffs; this remarkable accomplishment tied for the largest win turnaround in WNBA history; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Meadors is thus most deserving of the thirty votes she received for the WNBA Coach of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Marynell Meadors, a woman of true character and commitment, exemplifies dedication and leadership, and she is admired and respected for her tireless efforts to excel, always guided by solid principles and high standards, whether in the athletic arena or in the actions of her daily 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 join with the family, friends, and colleagues of Atlanta Dream Head Coach Marynell Meadors in congratulating her upon being named WNBA Coach of the Year and offer our deep appreciation for the dedication to excellence that she has shown throughout her life.

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