

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1134

By Hardaway

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Adrian "Skeet" Goodrich of Memphis.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Adrian "Skeet" Goodrich, a gentleman whose life centered on serving others; and

WHEREAS, Adrian Goodrich was a teacher at Bluff City High School and an assistant football coach at Bellevue Middle School, but on a more personal level, he was appreciated as a loving family man, a selfless mentor, and a friend to all; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Goodrich was born in Memphis on May 10, 1971, to Donald and Earlene Goodrich; and

WHEREAS, a 1989 graduate of Memphis Catholic High School, he went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Tennessee State University; in 2002, he was initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Eta Nu Chapter; and

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2006, Adrian Goodrich married the love of his life, Kim Goodrich, and together they shared countless moments of joy, laughter, and adventure, while solidifying their bond as soulmates; to their blessed union was born a son, Conner, whom his father loved with all of his heart; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Goodrich's career and life's calling was serving special needs children, which led him to work at Parkwood Hospital, Wooddale Middle School, Hillcrest High School, and, most recently, Bluff City High School; and

WHEREAS, passionate about serving his community through youth football, he began his coaching career at Memphis Academy of Health and Science before moving to Humes Middle School; and

WHEREAS, most recently, Adrian Goodrich served as assistant coach for the Bellevue Bobcats and helped lead them to win the 2023 city and state championships; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Goodrich's drive and unwavering faith that every child contains untapped potential led him to inspire and assist hundreds of children to transition from middle school to high school and even on to college, using their love of sports as a guide; and

WHEREAS, left to cherish his memory and celebrate his life are his wife, Kim Goodrich; son, Conner Goodrich; mother, Earlene Goodrich; sister, Tonja Goodrich; niece, Tyana (Errol) Francis; nephew, Turjon McLaurin; aunt, Johnnye Goodrich; father-in-law, Rozelle Owens; mother-in-law, Carolyn Owens; sisters-in-law, Candice (Dennis) Marshall and Cassady (Tavarus) Saunders; and a host of nieces and nephews, many special cousins, friends, students, athletes, and fraternity brothers; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his father; and

WHEREAS, Adrian Goodrich leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should remember the bountiful life of this inspirational educator and beloved coach; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Adrian "Skeet" Goodrich, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Goodrich.

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.