

HOUSE RESOLUTION 145

By Hardaway

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Willis Hardaway upon his academic and athletic accomplishments.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Willis Hardaway is one such exceptional student who has distinguished himself as a member of the 2011 graduating class at Haywood High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Willis has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Mr. Hardaway has dedicated his time and energies to numerous extracurricular organizations, including serving as a member of the Art Club, Spanish Club, Biology Club, SkillsUSA, and the Mock Trial Team; and

WHEREAS, displaying his athletic prowess, Willis Hardaway served as a kicker and safety for the football team, as a member of the track and cross-country teams, and as a three-year forward for the soccer team, during which time he was named an All-District player, and as a left fullback for Jackson Wolves Club soccer; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Hardaway has signed on to play soccer for former National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Soccer Champion, Bethel University, the school which he chose over several others because the soccer team is one of the top eight teams in the nation and because Mr. Hardaway likes the coaches, tradition, and the team's style of play; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hardaway's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success at Bethel University as both an athlete and an arts major; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Representative G.A. Hardaway and Clarice Hardaway; his siblings, Allison and Al; his school; and his community; and

WHEREAS, Willis Hardaway's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend and honor Willis Hardaway on his impressive academic achievements as a member of the 2011 graduating class at Haywood High School and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future as an athlete at Bethel University.

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