

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 553

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A RESOLUTION to honor Ty Detmer.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those public figures who, through their unwavering dedication to excellence, have distinguished themselves as role models and community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is Ty Detmer, former quarterback for the Brigham Young University (BYU) football team, former professional football player, and member of the Brigham Young University Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Detmer is presently participating in a worthy project to fund scholarships for Hamilton County students to attend Brigham Young; and

WHEREAS, a native of San Marcos, Texas, Ty Detmer attended Southwest High School in San Antonio, where he lettered in golf, football, basketball, baseball, and track; and

WHEREAS, as a senior, he won All-American honors and was named Texas Player of the Year in football; and

WHEREAS, Ty Detmer played football for Brigham Young University from 1987 to 1991, and by the end of his collegiate career, he had broken fifty-nine NCAA football records and tied three others; and

WHEREAS, his long list of NCAA football records includes: most passing yards with 15,031, and most total offense with 14,665 yards; he also set BYU's record for most plays with 1,795, most pass attempts with 1,530, and most completions with 958; and

WHEREAS, during his estimable collegiate career, Ty Detmer led the Cougars to four bowl games and an outstanding overall record of thirty-seven wins, thirteen losses, and two ties; and

WHEREAS, on September 8, 1990, in one of the biggest wins in BYU football history, Ty Detmer led the Cougars to a 28-21 win over top-ranked University of Miami; he threw for 406 yards in the victory, a performance which earned him National Player of the Week honors; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Ty Detmer was named the 1990 Heisman Trophy winner, an honor bestowed upon the top collegiate football player in the country; he is the only BYU football player to ever receive this prestigious award; and

WHEREAS, a two-time consensus All-American, he also won the Maxwell Award in 1990 and the Sammy Baugh Award in 1991 and was twice honored with the Davey O'Brien Award (1990 and 1991); and

WHEREAS, after finishing his collegiate career and graduating with a bachelor's degree in recreation administration, Ty Detmer was selected in the 1992 NFL draft by the Green Bay Packers, for whom he was the top backup quarterback behind Brett Favre; and

WHEREAS, after signing with the Philadelphia Eagles, Ty Detmer threw for 2,911 yards and fifteen touchdowns during the 1996 season, and his quarterback rating was 80.8, fourth best in the NFC during that season; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, Ty Detmer signed with the San Francisco 49ers, for whom he started one game and completed the season with 312 passing yards, four touchdowns, and a completion percentage of 63.2 percent; and

WHEREAS, signing with the Cleveland Browns in 1999, Ty Detmer started two games and played in three other games, and he finished the season with 548 yards passing; and

WHEREAS, after missing the entire 2000 season with an Achilles tendon injury, Ty Detmer spent three seasons (2001-2003) with the Detroit Lions, for whom he started four games during the 2001 season; and

WHEREAS, he then spent the 2004 and 2005 seasons with the Atlanta Falcons before retiring from professional football; and

WHEREAS, from 2009 to 2015, Mr. Detmer served as the head football coach at St. Andrew's Episcopal School; and

WHEREAS, in December 2015, Ty Detmer became the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at his alma mater, BYU, under new head coach Kalani Sitake; and

WHEREAS, with the benefit of his expertise, the Cougars placed 21st nationally in passing offense, posted a 9-3 overall record, and earned a Las Vegas Bowl bid; and

WHEREAS, his many football accomplishments aside, Ty Detmer is most thankful for the love and companionship he shares with his wonderful wife, Kim, and their four daughters; and

WHEREAS, Ty Detmer has contributed significantly to the rich and varied tapestry of American society and is deserving of our commendation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Ty Detmer upon his many accomplishments, in football and in life, applaud his return to college football, commend his commitment to public service, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

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