

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 716

By Bailey

A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Wes Shanks, head baseball coach at Upperman High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pay tribute to those excellent coaches who have led their charges to success on the field of play and in the game of life; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Wes Shanks has established himself as the heart and soul of the Upperman High School baseball program and guided the Bees to unprecedented heights of achievement on the diamond; and

WHEREAS, under his guidance, the Upperman High School baseball team has achieved remarkable success, including winning the 2022 TSSAA District 1 Class 3A State Championship and the 2022 Regular Season District Sectional Championship; and

WHEREAS, Wes Shanks has been duly recognized for his excellence as a coach, receiving the 2022 District 7AAA Coach of the Year award, the 2022 Tennessean All Mid-State Coach of the Year award, and the 2022 TBCA Division I AAA Baseball Coach of the Year award; and

WHEREAS, Coach Shanks is a proud member of the 2004 graduating class of Upperman High School, where he excelled in a range of sports, including baseball, basketball, football, and golf; and

WHEREAS, after attending Hiwassee College from 2004 to 2005, Wes Shanks earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental and Soil Science from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, in 2009; and

WHEREAS, from 2015 to 2016, he served as an assistant baseball coach at Upperman High School and helped lead the Upperman Bees to the 2015 Regular Season, District, Region

Runner-Up, and Section championships, as well as an appearance in the 2016 TSSAA Division 1 Class AA State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, Wes Shanks is not only a successful coach, but he is also a respected teacher and advisor at Upperman High School, where he teaches agriculture and mentors students in the Baxter FFA chapter; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Coach Shanks is grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Alex Mullican Shanks; his daughter, Camrin; and his son, Tanner; and

WHEREAS, Coach Wes Shanks epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; he has served with great diligence and dedication, positively influencing the lives of countless young people with his display of character and integrity; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Wes Shanks for his years of coaching excellence and his contributions to baseball in Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Wes Shanks for his outstanding achievements as head baseball coach at Upperman High School and extend to him our best wishes for continued success in all 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.