



State of Tennessee

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 761

By Representative Keisling

and

Senators Bailey, Pody

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Gary J. Strong upon being inducted into the Clay County Sports Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, we take great pleasure in paying tribute to those gifted athletes, coaches, and administrators who have attained the very pinnacle of sporting achievement; and

WHEREAS, Gary J. Strong is one such legendary figure, who was recently inducted into the Clay County Sports Hall of Fame in the athletes and coaches division; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Strong's athletic and coaching career spans nearly fifty years and includes four different sports; and

WHEREAS, he began his athletic career at Celina High School, where he was one of the school's star basketball and baseball players; his exceptional play on the basketball court garnered two All-District honors, an All-Region honor, and an All-Mid-State team selection and propelled the team to its first Sub-State run; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Middle Tennessee State University, Gary Strong returned to Celina High School to restart the school's baseball program, beginning his four-decade coaching career; and

WHEREAS, throughout his stellar career, he has served as assistant coach for Celina High School's boys' and girls' basketball teams, head basketball coach for junior high schools in both Celina and Cookeville, assistant junior high football coach, assistant basketball and baseball coach at Upperman High School, and head basketball coach at Cookeville High School; he currently serves as the Clay County Lady Bulldog volleyball coach, a position he has held for the last twelve years; and

WHEREAS, Gary Strong demonstrated leadership, skill, and athleticism throughout his athletic career and has coached for forty years with wisdom and expertise, and he should be recognized on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Gary J. Strong upon being inducted into the Clay County Sports Hall of Fame and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

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.

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ADOPTED: February 10, 2020



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 19th day of February 2020



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR