



# State of Tennessee

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 264

By Representative Keisling

and

Senators Bailey, Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor and commemorate the memory of Johnny Rich upon his posthumous induction 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, Johnny Rich was one such legendary athlete, who was recently inducted into the Clay County Sports Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rich played football for Celina High School from 1984 to 1987, during which time he displayed a level of skill on the gridiron that most can only dream of achieving; and

WHEREAS, he dominated the field, catching passes from his tight end position and sacking quarterbacks as a defensive end; he also blocked for multiple hall of fame running backs, made his mark as one of the most prolific pass rushers in Bulldog history, and was recognized for his prowess with multiple accolades; and

WHEREAS, during his sophomore year, Mr. Rich was a starter on the 1985 State semifinal team and was named All-Midstate Honorable Mention. He then led the team in sacks and was among the Bulldog's top pass catchers and tacklers as a junior, earning All-District 5-A honors; and

WHEREAS, his senior year was cut short due to injuries sustained on the field, but he still amassed seventeen career sacks, ranking him among the all-time leaders of Bulldog pass rushers to this day; and

WHEREAS, Johnny Rich demonstrated leadership, skill, and athleticism throughout his athletic career, and it is fitting that we should honor his memory on this special occasion; 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 and commemorate the memory of Johnny Rich upon his posthumous induction into the Clay County Sports Hall of Fame.

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: March 6, 2023



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR