



State of Tennessee

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 360

By Senators Haynes, Ford

and

Representatives Gilmore, Gotto; Madam Speaker Harwell; Jones, Moore, Odom, Pruitt, Sontany, Stewart, Mike Turner

A RESOLUTION to name the gymnasium at the Tennessee School for the Blind in honor of James "Moe" Haralson.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should commemorate the accomplishments of those public servants who have served this State with the greatest acumen and dedication; and

WHEREAS, James "Moe" Haralson came to the Tennessee School for the Blind (TSB) in 1956, as a coach and teacher of Social Studies, Math, Orientation and Mobility, Speech, and Physical Education; and

WHEREAS, from the very beginning, Mr. Haralson held very high expectations, both academically and athletically, for all the students at TSB; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Haralson was instrumental in developing a wrestling program at the Tennessee School for the Blind that produced seven individual State Champions, three of whom were named Outstanding Wrestler in the State Tournament and five of whom were included in the list of "Greatest Wrestlers in the History of the Last Fifty Years of Tennessee Wrestling"; and

WHEREAS, he left the Tennessee School for the Blind in 1964, to become Principal of the Indiana School for the Blind, where he worked until his retirement in 1991; and

WHEREAS, during his service at the Indiana School for the Blind, Mr. Haralson served as an adjunct professor at both Indiana University and Butler University, where he taught future educators of children who are blind and visually challenged; and

WHEREAS, during his long and distinguished career, Mr. Haralson received numerous honors and accolades for his work with children who are blind and visually challenged, including, but not limited to: the Pioneer Award for his work in establishing the sport of high school wrestling in the State of Tennessee; recognition as Sagamore of the Wabash (Indianapolis Man of the Year); and recognition as a "Leader and Legend in Work for the Blind," a Hall of Honor at the American Printing House for the Blind in Louisville, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Haralson also served with distinction as President of the International Association of Educators of the Visually Handicapped; a member of the Board of Directors of The American Printing House for the Blind; and a member of The Braille Authority of North America, a committee that promulgates the standards for Braille reading and writing; and

WHEREAS, during his years as an educator of blind and visually challenged children, Mr. Haralson mentored countless individuals to become useful and productive citizens, with both the current and immediate past Superintendents of the Tennessee School for the Blind benefitting from his influence and tutelage; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career in education, Mr. Haralson demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, and he should be appropriately honored by this General Assembly, as requested by the Alumni Association of the Tennessee School for the Blind; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that in recognition and appreciation of his lifelong work with individuals who are

blind and visually challenged, the newly refurbished gymnasium at the Tennessee School for the Blind is hereby designated the "James 'Moe' Haralson Health and Physical Fitness Center."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Education is directed to erect or affix a suitable sign or signs designating the gymnasium at the Tennessee School for the Blind as the "James 'Moe' Haralson Health and Physical Fitness Center."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the Department of Education from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this resolution. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the State for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

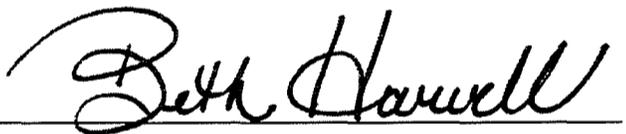
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Education.

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ADOPTED: April 25, 2012



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 19 day of May 2012



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR