

2020 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 171

Celebrating the life of Jon Odum.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 3, 2020

Agreed to by the Senate, February 6, 2020

WHEREAS, Jon Odum, legendary basketball player and coach at John S. Battle High School in Bristol, died on August 10, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Jon "Big O" Odum first made his mark at John S. Battle High School by leading the Trojans basketball team to a state runner-up finish in 1998; in that historic season, he averaged 21.7 points and 6.8 rebounds per game as the team achieved its best finish in years; and

WHEREAS, recognized as the *Bristol Herald Courier* Southwest Virginia Player of the Year in 1998, Jon Odum went on to play at Virginia Intermont College, where he posted one of the more remarkable careers in school history, tallying 1,798 points over four seasons; and

WHEREAS, Jon Odum's talent as a player translated to success as a basketball and golf coach at his alma mater; over three seasons leading the John S. Battle Trojans basketball team, the squad posted a 44-29 record and qualified for the Virginia High School League Region 2D Tournament twice; and

WHEREAS, off the court, Jon Odum was a motivational leader in the classroom at Wallace Middle School, providing mentorship to many and touching countless lives; and

WHEREAS, guided by his resolute faith throughout his life, Jon Odum was a member of Victory Baptist Church and Highlands Fellowship Church, where he enjoyed worship and fellowship with his community; and

WHEREAS, of all his accomplishments and positive qualities, Jon Odum will be cherished most for his humility, perseverance, and ability to inspire the best in others; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by his father, Norman, Jon Odum will be dearly remembered and missed by his wife, Ashley; his children, Macy, Jonathan, and Jase; his parents, Sandy and Nick; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Jon Odum, a beloved member of the Bristol and John S. Battle High School communities; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Jon Odum as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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