

## House Resolution 1908

By: Representative Powell of the 23<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Pete Adkins; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Pete Adkins, who retired as the head coach of the Jefferson City High School  
3 Jays football team in Jefferson City, Missouri, in 1995, has long been recognized as one of  
4 this nation's finest high school football coaches; and

5 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
6 talents, and energy toward instructing, motivating, and leading young men in the game of  
7 football as is dramatically illustrated by his position as the second winningest high school  
8 football coach in the nation's history and the all-time leader in winning percentage among  
9 coaches with 100 or more games with a record of 405-60-4 in 44 years of coaching high  
10 school football; and

11 WHEREAS, he has won a record nine state 5A championships, most in Missouri; he was  
12 named Missouri coach of the year eight times; he has been inducted into the Missouri Sports  
13 Hall of Fame, the Missouri Football Coaches Hall of Fame, and the John Q. Hammons  
14 Missouri Sports Hall of Fame; his teams at Jefferson City High School had 15 perfect  
15 seasons and 20 unbeaten regular seasons; and his teams had a losing record only one season;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, his football program was featured in the PBS documentary "On Broad  
18 Shoulders" in 1992 and on ESPN's "Outside the Lines" segment in 1994; and

19 WHEREAS, in retired life, he has become a part of the pop-rock music scene as the subject  
20 of Melissa Etheridge's recent music video, "Breathe," which fortunately did not contain any  
21 wardrobe malfunctions and, in the culmination of his great career, he has accepted the task  
22 of coaching powder puff football; and

1 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable ability to  
2 motivate athletes, his keen sense of vision, and his pursuit of excellence have earned him the  
3 respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

4 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for  
5 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness who is loved by his former players and  
6 associates; and

7 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper in a state that loves high school football that  
8 the outstanding accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished individual be  
9 appropriately recognized.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
11 the members of this body commend Pete Adkins for his outstanding and worthy  
12 accomplishments and for his many years of efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated  
13 service to high school athletics and extend to him their most sincere best wishes for  
14 continued health and happiness.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
16 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Pete Adkins.