

House Resolution No. 1980

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State youths who admirably demonstrate their true potential as lifelong learners, involved citizens, and future societal leaders through their accomplishments as student athletes; and

Whereas, Matthew Espey has attained considerable distinction as a senior at Fort Zumwalt North High School where he is universally praised for his achievements in the classroom, on the gridiron, and as a grappler; and

Whereas, on March 15, 2008, Matt Espey enhanced his already impressive record of achievement when he was given well-deserved honors and accolades during the Saint Charles County Amateur Sports Hall of Fame banquet and awards dinner at which seven local sports legends were inducted, three current high school athletes were recognized, and two former coaches received outstanding achievement awards; and

Whereas, Fort Zumwalt North's all-time win leader in wrestling with a career win-loss record of 164-17, Matt Espey enjoyed an undefeated 45-0 season during his senior year in high school; and

Whereas, at state meets, Matt Espey became only the third wrestler from Fort Zumwalt North to place four times with a fifth, a third, and two first place finishes; and

Whereas, Matt Espey set a Fort Zumwalt North single-season rushing record in football with 2,208 yards and a school career rushing record of 4,994 yards; and

Whereas, Matt Espey has been named GAC North Champion in wrestling, District Champion in wrestling, Saint Louis Post Dispatch Wrestler of the Year, a member of the Saint Louis Post Dispatch All-Metro Wrestling team, a First Team All-Conference Running Back, and a member of the Second Team All-State football team; and

Whereas, Matt Espey is the son of Todd and Lynnette Espey and of Susan Paraham, all of whom support and encourage his choice of attending Lindenwood University on a scholarship to play football and to wrestle:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved recognition received by Matt Espey from the Saint Charles County Amateur Sports Hall of Fame and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued personal, academic, and athletic success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Matthew Espey of Fort Zumwalt North High School.

Offered by _____
Representative Joe Smith
District No. 14

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 1980, adopted April 16, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker