

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 22

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Allan Wade Houston for his contributions to the University of Tennessee, the sport of basketball, and the community at large.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those graduates of our State institutions of higher education who, through their extraordinary efforts and talents, have achieved national acclaim and distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Allan Wade Houston, a graduate of the University of Tennessee, whose sacrifice and dedication to his education and athletics set a standard for student-athletes in our State; and

WHEREAS, in his career at the University of Tennessee, Mr. Houston became the Volunteers' all-time leading scorer and received two selections as an All-American and four All-SEC selections; and

WHEREAS, his performance as a student-athlete displayed such talent and character that he was selected eleventh overall in the first round of the 1993 NBA Draft, after which he played twelve seasons as one of the most prolific scorers in his era and earned a gold medal as an Olympic representative of the United States of America in the 2000 Olympics in Sydney; and

WHEREAS, as a philanthropist and community leader, Mr. Houston's contributions and achievements have extended beyond the sport of basketball, and as founder of the Allan Houston Legacy Foundation, he has supported several initiatives promoting family unity and Christian principles, and bringing opportunities to children in need; and

WHEREAS, his contributions to Tennessee continue to this day, epitomizing a spirit and commitment to the betterment of others that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Allan Houston for his contributions to the State of Tennessee and his service to others; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Allan Wade Houston for his contributions to the University of Tennessee and the sport of basketball, thank him for his service to this State, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.