

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

COACH DONNIE CARTER

WHEREAS, the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners should recognize and celebrate those individuals who make a profound impact on the people and communities of Rutherford County; and

WHEREAS, Coach Donnie Carter of Smyrna is one such outstanding person; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carter passed away on March 13, 2015; he was an active deacon at Miracle Baptist Church; he was a 1964 graduate of Smyrna High School; and he proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army; and he was married to Cindy Carter for 46 years with whom he had three sons; DJ (Michelle), Lee (Meleah), and Steve (Sasha) and seven grandchildren all of who reside in Smyrna; and

WHEREAS, upon returning from the Army Mr. Carter formed his first youth football team which led to the start of the Smyrna Youth Football League which is regarded as one of the premier youth sports programs in the state; the Smyrna Youth Football League routinely registers over 500 players and cheerleaders annually; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carter enjoyed being the statistical records keeper for Smyrna High School for many years; his lifelong love of the game has touched and shaped the lives of many young men where his motto was known to all, "I'm going to teach you a little about football and a lot about life"; and

WHEREAS, he was a recipient of the Kenneth "Coon" Victory Lifetime Achievement Award; and honored with the dedication of the "Donnie Carter" football field at the Lee Victory Recreation Park; and Mr. Carter's legendary style of controlled and disciplined leadership has characterized his extraordinary achievements and has distinguished him in ways that reflect favorably and positively upon Rutherford County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners that this legislative body extends this Resolution of Sympathy to the family of Coach Donnie Carter for his outstanding commitment to excellence in youth sports, and for his dedication to decades of young people in Smyrna.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners extends its deepest sympathy to Mr. Carter's family and conveys to them our sincere appreciation for his lifetime of volunteerism.

RESOLVED this 13th day of May, 2015.

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