

STATEMENTS REGARDING COACH PAT SUMMITT'S ANNOUNCEMENT ON 8-23-11

UT Chancellor Jimmy G. Cheek

"It takes amazing courage for Pat to come forward and discuss her health with her players, our fans and the entire country, but that's who she is. Pat Summitt stands for courage and integrity. We will stand behind her and support her in every way possible. We look forward to her continued leadership as the Lady Vols head coach and I know that even through this adversity she will be an inspiration to all of us."

UT Vice Chancellor/Athletics Director Joan Cronan

"Pat Summitt is our head coach and she will continue to be. She is an icon not only for women's basketball but for all of women's athletics. For Pat to stand-up and share her health news is just a continuing example of her courage."

"Life is an unknown and none of us has a crystal ball. But I do have a record of knowing what Pat Summitt stands for; excellence, strength, honesty and courage."

Tyler Summitt, Pat Summitt's son

"Pat Summitt is not only my mom, but also an incredible role model and mentor for me. It seems like she teaches me something new every day, and she is currently giving me one of the best life lessons of all: to have the courage to be open, honest, and face the truth."

"This will be a new chapter for my mom and me, and we will continue to work as a team like we always have done. We both appreciate the continued support of the Lady Vol family. Our faith is in the Lord and we trust that God has a plan for us. Looking forward, nobody is as ready for the 2011-12 basketball season to start as much as the Summitt family. God Bless."

Amy Bentley, MD, Internal Medicine Associates (Knoxville)

"Pat came to us with concerns about her health and our preliminary evaluation was suggestive of dementia. Because of her young age, Pat was referred to neurology for formal evaluation. After extensive testing, a diagnosis of early Alzheimer's was made and appropriate treatment was initiated."